



LAW CHANGE PLAN FOR 'JOSH' CASES

By Rob Gollidge

SOFT sentences given to thugs like the amateur boxers who attacked Josh Morgan will be able to be challenged and extended under new proposals, the government's top lawyer has vowed.

Attorney General Jeremy Wright said he is looking to change the law so victims like Josh can get justice when judges 'get it wrong'.

At the moment only a small selection of sentences for offences including murder, robbery and sex crimes can be reviewed and referred to the Court of Appeal to consider harsher punishment. Mr Wright said: "I think it is important. It is about public confidence in the justice system and giving people an avenue to express their concern. I want to look very carefully

how we might include offences that are not in the scheme but which frankly people would expect and hope to see.

"My view is that there is a very good argument to be had to expand the scheme.

"At the moment there are a number of cases in the scheme but not every case is. I am concerned and we should look whether the scheme should be expanded further."

Josh, from Cannock, was left brain damaged and immobile after an unprovoked attack in the town centre in March 2014.

His attackers James Robb and Alistair Douglas admitted causing grievous bodily harm (GBH) and will serve between two and nine months in prison after their sentences were reduced largely because of the amount of time they spent electronically tagged.

More serious charges, which carried no maximum prison sentence, were downgraded after prosecutors decided they could not prove intent – even though Robb admitted in court to striking the then-20-year-old twice in the head.

Nearly 5,000 people signed an online petition calling for Robb's and Douglas's sentences to be extended – but cases of GBH cannot be reviewed. The Chronicle's sister paper, the Express & Star, launched the Justice for Josh campaign to highlight the case.

Mr Wright said: "Examples such as Josh's case are ones that make us think whether the boundaries of the scheme are in the right place. This is exactly the sort of case I want to look at to see if the scheme should be expanded."

A Ministry of Justice spokesperson said: "We have every sympathy with the victim and his family after this attack."

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FOOTBALL'S TOP NAMES WISH EDDIE A HAPPY 90TH



Football fan Eddie Harvey, from Hednesford, with the letter from Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger

FOOTBALL crazy Eddie Harvey got a perfect present for his 90th birthday when some of the sport's biggest stars sent him their best wishes.

Mr Harvey, from Hednesford, says his 'only desire' in life is to watch the beautiful game as often as he can, following both his local side and his favourite team, Arsenal.

This year, he received best wishes from the Gunners manager of 20 years, Arsene Wenger, as well as former Hednesford boss Steve Burr and the entire squad at Swansea City FC, whose captain Ashley Williams cut his teeth at Hednesford Town.

It came after his daughter Carol got in touch with all three clubs to tell them he was turning 90.

Mr Harvey said: "I couldn't have asked for a better birthday, it was such a surprise to receive these cards from people I admire.

"I love Hednesford and have been following them all of my life but I am also an Arsenal supporter, I love the way they play football.

"Football is my main love in life, my only desire is to watch the game or follow my teams."

As well as receiving cards from his heroes, Mr Harvey got to see Hed-

nesford in action for the first time in a number of years after Carol got him tickets for the directors box at their game against Curzon Ashton.

He said: "It was great to get down to the ground again, this time I got to have a little lunch and get some VIP treatment.

"It is my last dream to be able to go and watch Arsenal at The Emirates so I hope I can do that soon.

"My daughter has tried to get me tickets for games they have played in the Midlands but I would have to sit with the home fans, and I think they may lynch me!"



A card from Swansea

PIPE

Homes left without water in mains burst

A BURST pipe sent water gushing down a road in Cannock. A number of homes were left without water after the mains burst in Wolverhampton Road near the magistrates court at 10pm on Saturday. The water then spread to Longford Road.

Fire crews from Cannock and Chase Terrace were called in to pump some of the water away as it got closer to homes.

Homeowners as far away as Chadsmoor and Heath Hayes reported problems with their supplies. South Staffordshire Water fixed the problem, and supplies were running as normal by Sunday morning.

MARKET

Antiques fair will be monthly event

PENKRIDGE Market is to host an Antiques and Collectors Fair on the first Thursday of every month.

The organiser of the event, Victoria Spencer from Elephant Promotions, said: "We held the first one in January and were thrilled by the attendance."

A variety of stall holders will be there, selling everything from fine jewellery and furniture to taxidermy and militaria. The fair will be located in the indoor market and will run from 9am to 3pm, with free admission and free parking.

ACCIDENT

Road closed after cyclist in collision

A MOTORCYCLIST escaped uninjured after a crash which led to a road being closed in Cannock.

West Midlands Ambulance Service was called to the smash involving a car and the bike on the Walsall Road, outside Aldi.

Officers from Staffordshire Police also attended the scene on Saturday as motorists were told to avoid the area.

The road was closed while recovery took place.

Ambulance service spokesperson Claire Brown said: "The motorcyclist was assessed but was thankfully uninjured and didn't require hospital treatment."

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A-level pupil wins place at US college



Benjamin Hopkins

BENJAMIN Hopkins, who is completing his A-levels at Wolgarston High School in Penkridge, has won a place and a financial aid package to study at Bowdoin College, Maine, after participating in the Sutton Trust's US Programme run in partnership with the US-UK Fulbright Commission.

Last summer, Ben was one of 150 students selected for a summer school in the US at either Yale University or the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). They competed with more than 1,600 applicants to win a place on the programme and spent a week living

on campus and visiting a number of other US universities.

For over half of the students, this was their first trip to the US. They benefited from residential activities and received an intensive programme of support, delivered by the US-UK Fulbright Commission over a number of months before and after their US visit, which covered admission tests, college choices and the application process.

Benjamin, aged 17, from Wheaton Aston, said: "I am so excited to be going to the United States this autumn to start studying at Bowdoin College. It is

a huge honour to be admitted to such a prestigious institution with a generous financial aid package. An American education is extremely varied and flexible, and I am looking forward to all the opportunities it will bring.

"I am immensely grateful to the Sutton Trust and the US-UK Fulbright Commission for their comprehensive support in the application process."

The aim of the Sutton Trust's US Programme is to encourage academically talented, low and middle income British students to consider studying at American universities.

Taking in refugees to cost council £85,000

TAKING in 10 Syrian refugees will cost Cannock Chase Council more than £85,000, it has emerged.

Councillors agreed to house the refugees as part of David Cameron's pledge to take 20,000 Syrian refugees over the course of parliament.

A report prepared for the council's cabinet meeting this week said that looking after the refugees will cost the council £85,200.

The papers state that each refugee regardless of age or gender will cost the council a flat £8,520.

Other costs, such as education, special education needs, benefits and primary and secondary medical care will be paid for by central government.

According to the report, the most expensive refugee is an adult on benefits at £23,420 with the cheapest being a child under three at £10,720.

Councillor Frank Allen, the cabinet member for housing, insisted that the council would be there for the refugees if needed.

Ready

He said: "It's the humane thing to do. Every authority in the county except one is contributing in regard to taking their quota.

"We are not in the first tranche so we are not expecting any in the immediate future but when that time does arrive for us to do our part, then we will be willing and ready," he added.

"We are sat back waiting if we are needed. It's the only thing to do.

"We are hoping that after the first tranche then the government might produce more funding but we'll always do our part."

In the report prepared for the cabinet meeting, officers said: "Staffordshire authorities have worked closely together via the Staffordshire chief executive officer's group to respond to the Government's request and as a result made an offer to the Home Office to accept 50 Syrian refugees in the first tranche of relocation.

"Cannock Chase Council offered to accept 10 refugees, preferably families, as a contribution to the first tranche," the report added.

Lively pub picks up seasonal award



The Junction in Chasetown is celebrating after being presented with the Camra award

THE latest Pub of the Season to be chosen by the Cannock Chase branch of the Campaign for Real Ale is The Junction in Chasetown.

The pub has been run by Carl Ingram and Deborah Dennis for 13 years, and both of them said they were delighted to receive the award from Cannock Camra chairman Malcolm Pearson.

Chris Southall, press and publicity officer for the branch, said: "The Junction is a lively community pub which hosts regular music nights

and a weekly cheese night which is very popular with the locals.

"It is pubs like The Junction which are at the heart of the community and deserve all the support they can get."

This Sunday, Cannock Chase Camra will hold its AGM at The Crystal Fountain in St John's Road, Cannock, at midday.

At the meeting, the sub-branch will be officially granted full-branch status.

All Camra members are welcome

to attend but must bring their membership cards to be eligible to vote. There are several committee positions to be filled.

Meanwhile, a Hednesford pub has been chosen as the Cannock Chase sub-branch's pub of the year.

The presentation to the Cross Keys in Hill Street will take place on February 26 at 7.30pm.

Runner-up was The Ivy House in Stafford Road, Newtown, with The Colliers Arms, in High Street, Cheslyn Hay, in third place.

Greens join demo over the 'danger' of fracking

MEMBERS of Cannock Chase Green Party were among more than 100 activists who took part in an anti-fracking demo in Hanley at the weekend.

The branch have been leading a Save Our Countryside campaign which started out with the intention of stopping the county council selling off beauty spots.

It has now expanded to the broader aspects of saving Staffordshire's countryside including the threats of a badger cull and fracking.

Concerns have also been highlighted following the Government's decision to remove protections for National Parks, and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty such as Cannock Chase.

Paul Woodhead, local co-ordinator for Cannock Chase Green Party, said: "Joining this national day of action is important in our campaign to engage and inform people in Staffordshire.

"Fracking is a real danger to the environment, and we want to encourage everyone to do their own research to understand what is involved and the destructive impact it can have on our area."

Fracking involves the injection of water and chemicals under very high pressure to fracture rocks to release shale gas and coal bed methane.

West Midlands Friends of the Earth campaigner Chris Crean said: "Ministers must abandon their fixation with dirty fossil fuels and focus on renewables which are cleaner and far more popular with the public."

Firm fined after man loses arm

A RUGELEY firm has been handed a £40,000 bill after a Polish worker caught his arm in the rollers of a potato grading machine and had to have it amputated.

Marek Wasilewski, aged 35, of Swadincote, was trying to clean the rollers of the machine at Blakenhall Park, in Barr Lane, Barton under Needwood, when the incident happened on November 12, 2013.

The Health & Safety Executive subsequently prosecuted his employer W B Daw & Son of Rugeley and an investigation found unsafe working practices were in place including cleaning the rollers while they were still rotating.

The firm was fined £15,000 and ordered to pay costs of £25,000 at Stafford Crown Court for breaching the Health and Safety at Work Act.

Drivers warned of roadworks delays

DRIVERS have been warned they face delays in Hednesford as work is carried out on a main road.

Staffordshire County Council is digging up Market Street to lay ducting for electric cable. Signals are in place at the junction with Victoria Street.

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Attempted burglaries spark alert on callers

THREE suspected attempted distraction burglaries in Cannock and Rugeley, two within an hour of each other, have prompted police to warn residents.

The first incident saw a man claiming to be from the council call at a house in Tithebarn Road, Rugeley, on Friday at 8.50am. An hour later at an address in Cross Street, Rugeley, a man gained entry and claimed he needed £350 to chop trees down.

Meanwhile, a man gained entry to a property in Longfellow Place, Cannock, between 7.30am and 11.30am on the same day, claiming he needed £180 to put rat poison down. On this occasion, he did not knock on the door, and just walked in.

Chief Inspector Geoff Knight, Commander of Cannock Chase Local Policing Team (LPT), said: "If you're contacted out of the blue by a company or charity, then be on your guard and do not get drawn into accepting a service you never sought."

"Likewise, if a cold caller knocks on your door, don't let them in, and don't be afraid to ask for ID so you can check and verify who they are with the company themselves."

In all of the incidents, the suspect is described as a tall white man, about 6ft, aged 35 to 40 and stocky. He is said to have worn a dark jacket and trousers with a woolly hat. On each occasion he left in a silver estate car.

Officers are carrying out investigations into these offences, and anyone with information is asked to contact Staffordshire Police on 101.

Inspector to rule on traveller site

A PLANNING inspector is to decide if enforcement action should be upheld against the owner of a traveller site over concerns green belt land has been developed illegally.

The saga surrounding Kingswood Colliery in Great Wyrley has been going on years. South Staffordshire Council officers have made regular visits to the site on Watling Street over concerns that owner Joseph Jenkins had installed concrete pads on greenbelt land next to his site.

Local MP Gavin Williamson also became involved in the dispute. The council has now confirmed that an inspector from the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government will hold a public hearing on February 23 at the council offices in Codsall.

Alan and Joy are guest speakers

ALAN and Joy Lewis are the guest speakers at Norton Canes Historical Society's meeting on Tuesday at 7pm.

The subject for their talk will be 'Sapper Norman'. The venue is Norton Canes library. Admission is free.

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Joint police and fire service idea praised

STAFFORDSHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner says integration between police and fire brigades could be key to maintaining frontline emergency services.

Matthew Ellis says that police and fire support services should work together to create efficiencies to put money back into frontline services.

It comes after the Home Office announced plans to allow fire and rescue services in England to be overseen by PCCs. Their role in overseeing fire services could include choosing an officer in charge of hiring and firing police and fire staff.

Mr Ellis said: "The core purpose of both the police and fire services is to protect people and prevent harm. It's within the very corporate DNA of

each organisation. These proposals are not about police officers carrying hoses and firefighters carrying truncheons. They're about being sensible and exploring ways to combine back offices and support services to make sure all available money goes towards supporting frontline firefighters and police officers. Duplication of support services that carry out the same functions in police and fire is not an effective use of the available resources.

"We need to crack on with work on a business case to understand the benefits and challenges of integration. This is about doing what is best to keep people safe in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent as well as spending public money more effectively than ever before." In December Staffordshire Fire and

Rescue Authority agreed to look at the possibility of collaboration and integration between emergency services in the county.

But the Fire Brigades Union has attacked the plans, describing them as a 'massive mistake' that would lead to poorer services. Meanwhile, West Midlands PCC David Jamieson said he was in talks with fire service managers about a merger.

He said he wanted to avoid a 'forced marriage' but said the proposal could provide better value-for-money for taxpayers and lead to more effective ways of working. Under the proposals PCC's will be given the opportunity to put forward a case to take over the role currently played by fire authorities, which oversee the work of fire services.

We will do everything to give Josh a chance

Clare Simpson, mother of attack victim Josh Morgan, tells of the battle the family face getting care for him, and his slow but steady recovery

WE are going to do everything in our power to get as much of Josh's life back as possible.

We are currently fighting for rehabilitation for Josh, at present what is offered to him is very limited and by no means necessary.

Our fight this year is to get Josh what he needs to have the best recovery possible. We shall not waste our time on anger towards the justice system or the two that did this to him. Our time will be spent on Josh and rebuilding our family. With that being said we are grateful that the Express & Star and the community of Cannock and other areas have found it in their hearts to fight for justice for us.

We will support you in this but if we seem absent in this fight, I hope you can understand that we really do want 'Justice for Josh'.

If any normal untrained person would have hit Josh then he may have been able to save his fall and prevent the damage that was life-changing. A boxer is trained to hurt and knock someone out. This is surely intent?

Frustration

Josh is a typical 20-year-old, full of life and all the fun that goes with it. He adores his friends and they all mean the world to him.

Believe us there are lots of them and they are all like one big family. Most of his friends have known each other since primary school. He had his first lads holiday abroad in 2013 and went to Magaluf. He was planning lots more holidays with his friends, including one which should have been to Amsterdam in April 2014. But this was not possible because of the attack.

He is totally dependant on others moving him around. His voice, what more can I say?

This frustration must be nearly impossible to cope with. To know what you want to say, to want to join in conversations or to simply just tell someone that your back is itching.

Now to have no voice!

But Josh stays strong and positive. To him there are no boundaries and he will push himself to the limit to try and gain a normal quality of life back. I am in awe of him, his spirits are always high considering he is going through something unimaginable to most of us.



Conservation manager Pieta Greaves with part of the Staffordshire

Hundred items of Hoard in UK tour

A HUNDRED items from the Staffordshire Hoard will travel north and to the South West as part of its first national tour.

The exhibition, Warrior Treasures: Saxon Gold, will go to The Royal Armouries, Leeds, in May.

Selected items from the hoard, mainly featuring weapon fittings, will then make their way to Bristol Museum and Art Gallery in October.

The tour will be the largest ever collection of the 4,000 piece Anglo-Saxon treasure to be seen outside the West Midlands since it was discovered in 2009.

The artefacts are owned by Birmingham City Council and Stoke-on-Trent City Council.

Councillor Terry Follows, cabinet member at Stoke-on-Trent City Council, said: "The Staffordshire Hoard has a peerless ability to dazzle and enthral."

The fittings that form part of the exhibition were stripped from swords and sexes - single-edged fighting knives - and are thought to be from the defeated armies of battles in the first half of the 7th century AD.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Land Rover stolen from a driveway

A LAND ROVER has been stolen from the driveway of a home in Cannock.

The vehicle, parked at the property in Philip Grove, was targeted on Thursday. Ronnie Turner, Neighbourhood Watch community engagement officer, said the silver Land Rover Vogue was taken between 5.30pm and 9.30pm, adding: "Please warn your neighbours to be on their guard and observant. If anyone has any information in relation to this crime they are asked to call the police."

Call 101, quoting the incident reference 812 of January 28.

Woman injured in two-car crash

AMBULANCE staff together with two teams of advanced medics helped an injured woman following a two-car collision at Wall Island at 11.15am on Sunday.

A West Midlands Ambulance Service spokeswoman said: "When ambulance staff arrived they found one car off the road and in a bush and a second car with a woman trapped inside."

The woman was taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham.

The other driver, a man in his 20s, suffered minor injuries and was discharged on scene."

Two in hospital after car smash

DRIVERS in Hednesford were caught in a standstill after a three-car crash that left two people in hospital.

The incident happened outside Oakleys Garage in Rugeley Road at 1.32pm on Monday. A man in his 50s suffered a fit and was taken to New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton, while a woman suffered neck pain and was taken to County Hospital.

A second man suffered whiplash. A third man in the front of the three cars with the second man was unhurt.

Young poets invited to enter competition

BUDDING young poets from Staffordshire are being invited to put pen to paper for a poetry competition.

Wordsmiths have until February 10 to enter the contest organised by Young Poet Laureate Matilda Houson-Brown.

The 14-year-old, who represents Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire having taken over the role in October, is working to boost an appreciation of poetry among young people.

Visit www.stanza.matildavoice.com

Lego man at opening

THE Entertainer will open a new shop in Lichfield, creating nine jobs. The new branch at the Three Spires Shopping Centre will welcome shoppers from February 27. To mark the opening at 10am, there will be an appearance by Lego character Lloyd Garmadon plus a charity trolley dash.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



THE Bishop of London suggests that bearded vicars may find it easier to "reach out" to Muslims. The snag, of course, is that a majority of new priests in the Anglican Church are female. A burka, perhaps?

THE Mad World of Donald Trump (C4) seemed to start with a prejudiced title. But the more you watched Matt Frei's hour-long documentary, the more the word "mad" seemed appropriate. Donald Trump is triumphing because America is scared and wants a new messiah. It's scared of migration, scared of terrorists, scared of things that are foreign, alien or not understood. The irony is that the perceived solution – electing President Donald J Trump – is scarier than anything else.

BUT let's not be too snuffy and superior. How many Paris-scale massacres would it take in London, Birmingham or Manchester before Trumpery arose in England?

THOSE of us who once owned a racoon-skin hat may have lived to see the beginning and the end of the TV revolution. It began in the 1950s when we kids suddenly discovered that no game of cowboys and Indians in a freezing street was half as good as the Cisco Kid on a nine-inch Pye in a warm lounge. The TV revolution entered its demise this week with the report that internet-savvy kids are no longer watching much telly. The TV companies, while putting a brave face on it, must be absolutely terrified.

EMMA Reynolds, Wolverhampton MP and former shadow minister, is, like many MPs, too young to remember life outside the EU (or Common Market as we were told to call it). When she says "leaving the EU would be "the worst of all worlds," she is addressing an ageing electorate, many of whom recall Britain before the 1975 referendum, and remember it rather fondly.

I WONDER if Worcester feels any sense of communal shame over the rush by hordes of locals chasing the £33 million Lotto jackpot. Okay, one or two may genuinely believe they have the winning ticket. But Camelot report hundreds of claimants, suggesting attempted fraud on a massive scale. Oxford is the city of dreaming spires. Is Worcester the city of scheming liars?

A READER shares a gem of a platform announcement at Birmingham New Street. It works best in a Brummie accent: "Platform Six for the 16:33 to Northampton, calling at Marston Green (slight pause) and lots of other places."

ADVERTISING staff go into a school and ask children how clean they feel after wiping their bottoms on toilet tissue. Aren't AndrexTV ads weird?

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Chasewater to host Sport Relief Mile

CHASEWATER Country Park is inviting people to get their running shoes on for this year's Sport Relief Mile.

The country park, which is managed by Staffordshire County Council, is set to host the event for the second time and needs local people to get on board and enter the race.

More than 100 people have already signed up for the March 20 event.

The last event in 2014 saw around 300 runners take part – with hundreds of people getting involved and helping raise more than £7,500 for Sport Relief.

Mark Winnington, cabinet member for the economy and environment at Staffordshire County Council, said the 2014 event was a real success.

"This year is another great chance for everyone to walk or run themselves proud", he said. "From little ones with their mums and dads, to runners up against the clock, there's something for everyone."

Urged

"Walking and running are great activities too that help you feel better and keep you healthier, so as well as raising money for charity you're also doing yourself some good. Chase-

water is one of Staffordshire's most loved natural attractions and one of the Midlands' most popular beauty spots."

Sport Relief 2016 will take place from March 18 to March 20. People are urged to run, swim, cycle or even walk at events across the country.

Anyone requiring more information about the campaign should go to www.sportrelief.com

Staff praised as GP service rated 'good'

By Carl Jackson

A GP service in Great Wyldley has been rated 'good' by a health watchdog.

Care Quality Commission inspectors went into Southfield Way Medical Centre in December.

Their subsequent report published on Thursday concluded that the practice was hitting the benchmark in every key area – safety, effectiveness, care, responsiveness and leadership. Around 3,000 patients are on the surgery's books.

In his findings, Professor Steve Field, the chief inspector of general practice, was particularly impressed with how caring staff were.

He said: "We observed throughout the inspection that members of staff were courteous and helpful to patients attending at the reception desk and that people were treated with dignity and respect. Staff knew patients by their first names and asked about their wellbeing when they presented at the desk."

Positive

"Consultations and treatments were carried out in the privacy of a consulting room. Curtains were provided in consulting rooms and treatment rooms so that patients' privacy and dignity was maintained during examinations, investigations and treatments. Consultation and treatment room doors were closed during consultations, and conversations taking place in these rooms could not be overheard."

Inspectors also spoke to patients while on site who provided positive feedback.

Mr Field added: "We spoke with five patients during the inspection and collected 32 Care Quality Commission (CQC) comment cards. Patients were positive about the service they experienced."

Despite the positive report, areas of improvement were identified.

Bosses were told to arrange periodic fire drills, carry out risk assessments for hazardous substances, and make team meetings more formal including recording meetings.

Workers show character for charity



The Store Wars team, from left, Paul Dickson as Robin, Danny Hitchins as Batman, chief financial officer Peter Jones, and Alex Russett as Darth Vader

BATMAN and Robin, Darth Vader and a Minion were among the characters out and about in Rugeley when a local company took over the running of the town's Barnardo's charity shop for the day.

Staff from Cannock-based Briggs Equipment – namely Paul Dickson, Toni Campbell, Fleur Pore, Harjinder Kandola, Janet Noble, Angela Smith, Danny Hitchins, Bethan Baker, Esther Trotter, Paul Armiger and Kully Nagra – raised around £450 when they rolled out the red carpet for shoppers and donned fancy dress to promote the event, which was part of Store Wars, a national fundraising initiative.

Set up by Barnardo's more than 10 years ago, Store Wars engages teams of people to manage one of its charity shops for a day as they compete to see who can

generate the most money by selling quality goods at value-for-money prices.

The Briggs team pulled out all the stops to sell clothing, homewares, books and DVDs at the Barnardo's store in Fernwood Drive, Rugeley.

Thanks to their efforts the store turned over around 50 per cent more than it would on a typical Saturday.

Toni Campbell, Store Wars team leader at Briggs Equipment, said: "Families from all over Rugeley made their way to the Barnardo's shop to join in the fun, and the team's idea to dress up as film characters helped make the event a great success."

"We thoroughly enjoyed our Store Wars experience and are delighted to have raised £450 to support the important work that Barnardo's does to help disadvan-

Trust goes back to old ways with woodland

STAFFORDSHIRE Wildlife Trust is to carry out major woodland improvement work which will encourage a greater diversity of wildflowers, insects and birds such as Redstart, Spotted flycatcher and Wood warbler.

It is re-introducing traditional management techniques at its George's Hayes nature reserve near Upper Longdon, between Rugeley and Lichfield.

The work, which is weather dependent, will include thinning the woodland and creating natural light spaces by widening the rides at the reserves to help the next generation of trees grow naturally and attract butterflies and other insects.

The invertebrate population will then provide a food supply for woodland birds.

It will also encourage bluebells and other spring woodland plants such as wood anemone and wood sorrel to thrive.

Jeff Sim, land management team co-ordinator for Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, said: "The structure of a woodland needs to be diverse to be a good place for a range of wildlife habitat."

"There needs to be trees of different heights and ages, mixed with woodland glades which allow natural light into the wood, encouraging young saplings to grow."

"This kind of woodland management will help to improve the structure of the wood, and we will be carrying out regular wildlife surveys throughout the project to see how different species have benefited."

Free gym taster and health check

FREE health checks and gym inductions are being held at leisure centres run by South Staffordshire Council this week.

The centres are supporting the British Heart Foundation's 'Wear It, Beat It' campaign.

As part of this campaign the free health checks and inductions will be taking place until Sunday.

Tomorrow, people are also invited to dress in red or fancy dress and join in the fun in an exercise class.

Leisure centres taking part include Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre, Codsall Leisure Centre, Penkridge Leisure Centre and Wombourne Leisure Centre. Proceeds will go the British Heart Foundation. People can also donate online at <https://www.justgiving.com/samantha-osbourne-wibi-644b/>

Canal will be topic at men's meeting

MEN of Burntwood's monthly meeting at St Matthews Sports and Social Club, Burntwood, is on Wednesday, February 10 at 7.45pm.

The speaker will be Mr Bob Williams on 'Lichfield and Hatherton Canal'. Call 01543 682448 for details.

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Singers looking forward to show

THE Needwood Singers will travel to St Mary's Priory Church, in Tutbury, on April 9 to perform a concert with orchestra and professional soloists. The concert will consist of excerpts from Handel's Messiah and a relatively new work from 2008 by Howard Goodall entitled Eternal Light. This is a requiem with both Latin and English texts.

Howard Goodall is probably best known for his theme music for The Vicar of Dibley (The Lord is my Shepherd) and for An Island Parish. Tickets are £10 (free to under 16s).

Manager to give talk on waterways

IAN Lane, waterway manager for the Canal & River Trust's West Midlands waterways, will give an illustrated talk covering their local activities and plans.

The meeting on Wednesday, February 17 will be held at Martin Heath Hall, in Christchurch Lane, off Walsall Road, Lichfield, starting at 7.30pm.

Non-members are very welcome to attend the event. There is no charge for admission. For further information email j.stockland@waterways.org.uk or call 0121 308 0293.

Warning as power tools are stolen

POLICE have issued a warning after power tools were stolen from a car in Cannock.

The offenders broke into a car in Meadowsweet Way on Tuesday, January 26 before taking various power tools.

Ronnie Turner, community engagement officer, said: "Please warn your neighbours to be on their guard and observant at all times."

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101.

Bands make waves on the Waterfront

FOUR-PIECE band The Friday Project perform at the Waterfront, Barton Marina tomorrow night.

The local band plays a mix of rock, funk, pop, R&B and soul covers from the 60s through to the noughties.

On Saturday, The Vehicle Bank perform at the same venue. Their repertoire includes hits from the decades including David Bowie, Small Faces, Tom Petty and Don Henley.

The bands take the floor from 10pm until late. Admission is free.

Ramblers on Chase

CHASE Ramblers are on a moderate walk of eight to nine miles over Cannock Chase on Sunday. Meeting is as usual Hednesford Rail Station Car park Anglesey Street Hednesford for a 09:00 prompt departure. For further details please contact Jean on 01889 570178. New walkers welcome.

Fire safety courses are on offer to companies

Business owners in Staffordshire can help to prevent a blaze from breaking out in their premises by taking part in a nationally recognised fire safety course.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service is offering companies the chance to gain accredited qualifications which are designed to help them avoid falling foul of a fire and enable them to meet their legal obligations.

Fires cost UK businesses a staggering £1.29 billion a year. They also leave many companies facing ruin with up to 80 per cent of small businesses never recovering from a severe incident.

Fires not only put lives at risk and damage property, they can also lead to a loss of revenue.

In a bid to reduce the number of businesses in Staffordshire suffering a fire, and to protect the local economy and livelihoods, The Service's Business Support Team is currently running the following two courses: Fire Warden with the Selection and Practical Use of Fire Extinguishers and FAA Level 2 Award in Fire Safety (QCF) QFQUAL Accredited (Lifelong Qualification).

Chief Fire Officer Peter Dartford said: "It is essential that businesses consider fire risks in their organisations, and make sure that their employees are aware of the causes and consequences of fire."

For more information call John Berrisford on 01785 898916 or visit www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk/work-safety.asp

Four lanes now open on the M6

LONG-RUNNING roadworks on the M6 have finally been removed – but a 50mph speed limit is still in place.

Drivers can now take advantage of the extra fourth lane between junctions 11a and 13 following the completion of the project over the weekend.

Highways England now needs to test its technology systems prior to fully opening the road.

The 50mph limit will remain in place as the testing for the new Smart Motorway is carried out.

The project was set to finish last year but the deadline was pushed back to January after delays, before being held up once again to February.

The agency said the upgrade will improve journeys for more than 100,000 drivers every day.

Free Play and Stay offer for children

LITTLE Treasures Chadsmoor is staging free term-time Play and Stay sessions on Thursdays from 12.15 to 1.45pm at Coniston Hall, Cecil Street.

Call 07592 545115 or email little.treasures.chadsmoor@outlook.com

School praised for keeping pupils safe



Rugeley School – 'respect'

RUGELEY School, a specialist residential school for young people aged five to 19 with autism and moderate to severe learning difficulties, has been praised by Ofsted.

In its latest report, the independent education watchdog said the school in Blithbury Road, Blithbury was 'good'.

Inspectors praised it for its 'understanding of how to support the learning of pupils with autistic spectrum conditions', 'rigorous systems for checking on all aspects of the school's work' and 'keeping pupils safe and secure'. Ofsted said that the school

staff 'treat all pupils with the utmost care and respect'.

Throughout, the report praises the personalised approach to learning, and the ability to apply knowledge of autistic spectrum conditions to teaching methods.

Parents' high level of satisfaction was judged to be a particularly strong point, with parents 'prais[ing] the strides in personal development that their children make'.

The senior leadership were highlighted for providing "effective and efficient leadership". Rugeley School,

run by the Priory Group, the UK healthcare specialist, is an independent special school.

Welcoming the Ofsted report, school principal Charlie Rivers said: "We are delighted with Ofsted's conclusion. Rugeley School offers a great education, and we look forward to continuing our engagement with parents and the wider community to ensure that a high level of achievement is retained."

"We must to continue to ensure that the school offers a great stepping stone for pupils in adulthood."

More war heroes will be added to memorial

DOZENS of Second World War heroes from Cannock are to be recognised on a memorial as part of a £5,000 project.

The stone was installed and unveiled in Chadsmoor last year containing the names of 160 veterans from the villages who died in the First World War.

Now the next stage of the project has been announced with at least 40 fallen soldiers' names being unveiled on a new plaque in September. County Councillor for Chadsmoor, Derek Davis, said: "It will be the culmination of a lot of hard effort over the last two to three years which will finish the project off in such a manner that I'm hoping will do justice to the men who gave their lives."

Councillors on the district and county councils got together to make the Chadsmoor War Memorial a reality, teaming up with local historian Paul Bedford who has researched heroes from the area for the stone. The 60-year-old from Penkridge also released a book last year called Not Just Names, detailing the lives and backgrounds of more than 500 Cannock Chase people who served in the First World War.

Important

Based on his latest research Mr Bedford estimated there could be as many as 60 names on the new plaque which will be unveiled on the morning of Saturday, September 17.

He said: "It is vitally important that those who served in the wars are recognised properly."

"We are 100 years on from the First World War and 70 on from the second."

"We are getting to the point where in the next 10 to 15 years most of the veterans from the Second World War will no longer be alive."

"So it is absolutely crucial their memory is continued and that people appreciate the enormous sacrifice that was made by them."

More than 400 people attended the unveiling of the memorial in April which was dedicated by the Bishop of Wolverhampton, Rt Rev Clive Gregory, and now stands proudly at the corner of Burns Street and Cannock Road. Mr Bedford added: "Basically it started because when I was researching my book I identified 40 to 50 soldiers who weren't on any local memorial."

"Some had gravitated to Cannock memorial and others to Hednesford but there were quite a number that weren't on any. After researching all of the soldiers from the Cannock and Hednesford areas the number came up to 160."

Blood Bikes fitted with trackers



Blood Bikes rider Steve Clarke, Trakm8 sales director Paul Wilson, and Shropshire and Staffordshire Blood Bikes trustee Roy Broad

BIKERS who serve Staffordshire delivering vital blood to hospitals are being fitted with trackers free of charge.

Shropshire and Staffordshire Blood Bikes, have had the devices fitted as part of a sponsorship deal with a telematics and fleet management company, Trakm8.

The charity, which is run by volunteers, have been given the devices which have been installed

on 10 of their marked motorcycles.

By combining the devices with mobile software the charity will be able to track riders in real time, and calculate accurate arrival times on the emergency deliveries.

The software will also show live road speeds, giving riders a useful tool for calculating the fastest route to the hospital.

Roy Broad, a trustee of the char-

ity, said: "Shropshire and Staffordshire Blood Bikes is pleased to be working with Trakm8 and is grateful for the support offered in supplying tracking devices for the charity's marked group bikes."

"This offers better overall management and security for the bikes when they are operational and it is important for emergency situations when the location of a particular bike is required."

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Charity, yes but wrong person to promote it

NOW, I've never heard of the charity Survivors of Domestic Abuse before, but if it offers help and support for victims of marital violence then it sounds like a very worthy cause.

So why, when it was collecting money at Tesco in Stourbridge, did it choose "White Dee" Deirdre Kelly from Benefits Street to promote its fundraising effort?

I know we live in a television-obsessed age, where anyone who has appeared on the small screen is now considered to be some kind of celebrity.

But does somebody, whose main claim to fame has been milking the benefits system for years on end, really make you want hand over your hard-earned cash? Surely they could have found a better ambassador.

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ACTOR Will Smith has spoken to clarify his boycott of last month's Oscars. Although I'm not sure 'clarify' is the word.

"The media creates the 'us and them' and for me there is no us and them, it's 'we'," he said. Don't really know what he is talking about, but might have guessed it would somehow be the media's fault.

"There's a regression of America in general of separatism ... so for me it's more about putting my hand up and reminding my community, the Hollywood community, that we have to lead. Diversity is America's superpower, that is what makes our country great, and in Hollywood we have to be pushing forward even in a time of wider regression."

I think that's luvvie speak for he wants Hollywood to ensure all communities are represented. And he's right.

This year's Oscars nominations were a disgrace. Ten categories, 221 nominations, and all from the same narrow group.

Not a single actor from the Black Country. I definitely won't be attending next year.

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BUT seriously though, amid all the eulogies to Sir Terry Wogan, the one comment that stood out was that he was the man who introduced 'the accent' to the airwaves.

Unashamedly proud of his Irishness, Wogan himself said his distinctive voice gave him a "classlessness" which meant he couldn't be pigeon-holed.

If only we were so enlightened when it comes to domestic accents. Sadly though, almost exactly half a century since he joined the BBC, there is still a perception that anybody with a Midland accent – regardless of their social background or educational achievement – is a figure of fun, okay for stand-up or playing the dimwit in sitcoms, but lacking authority when it comes to the serious stuff.

Want to do the difficult stuff? Better fake a Home Counties accent, old boy.

Clearly, some accents are more classless than others.



Joseph Leckie Academy pupils watch as Mindu addresses them



Auschwitz children liberated by the Soviet army in January 1945



Visitors at the main gate with the 'Arbeit macht frei' sign

Welcome to hell – my Auschwitz memories

One woman recounts her experiences of Nazi cruelty after living with horrors of the Holocaust for more than 70 years

WHEN 12-year-old Mindu Hornick was greeted at Auschwitz by corpses, starving prisoners and the smell of burning bodies, she thought she had entered hell itself.

Leaving her happy childhood behind, Mindu, along with her mother, sister and two brothers, was rounded up and taken to the concentration camp by the Nazis.

While she and her sister Eva, then aged 14, would survive – Mindu, who now lives in Edgbaston, Birmingham, would never see her mother and brothers again.

Speaking at Joseph Leckie Academy in Walsall, Mindu, now aged 86, told pupils of her haunting experience. "As soon as I was admitted to the main camp the sight that greeted us will stay with me for the rest of my life," she said. "There were corpses everywhere, emaciated people in striped uniforms wandering around aimlessly. The smell from the burning crematorium, the dead all around us.

Painful

"The entire area was enclosed by electrified barbed wire fence. We thought we had entered hell. The realisation we would not see our mother and little brothers again is too painful to describe." Mindu explained how she became 'less than human' as she was marched off to be prepared for almost inevitable murder. "We were stripped naked, our hair was shaven and we were tattooed with a number," she said.

"From then on we had no name. We were given a dress and clothes but no underwear. The sleeping quarters already held one thousand women. The beds were three tier and slept eight people.

"But that night they were all occupied. We had no choice to sit all night on the stone floor. We had no water to wash or drink. No sanitation. There were all kinds of diseases



Auschwitz survivor Mindu Hornick seen during her presentation to pupils, recounting the horrors she had to face as a young girl

including an epidemic of typhoid." Mindu had enjoyed a happy childhood in a small town in Czechoslovakia with her family until her father was drafted to dig trenches for the German army in 1941. After one visit she never saw him again. Then a year later her family, with other Jewish members of the community, were rounded up, loaded into lorries before being packed into cattle carriages on a train to Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Mindu, now a grandmother of two, explained how upon arrival Jews were either sent left to be put in the main camp where they may be put to work, or to the right where they would be immediately killed.

The latter was the fate which befell her mother, but before that a Polish officer had convinced her to send her two daughters ahead and instructed Mindu and Eva to lie about their age claiming they were 17 and 19.

Ultimately it saved their lives. After several months Mindu and Eva were transported to an underground ammunition factory in the woodlands. Whilst there they were exposed to dangerous working conditions having to pour boiling hot gun solution into containers with no protective clothing, which left many women with perforated lungs. But at least it was not a death camp.

And they did not have to endure the hellish daily roll calls which Mindu described as the 'selection to live or die'. In May 1945 they were loaded onto a passenger train with their Nazi officers not knowing whether their next destination would be their last.

But Allied troops bombed the train unaware that Jewish slaves were on board. Half of the women being transported were killed in the attack a day before liberation. In the immediate aftermath of the Second World War Mindu

and her sister returned to Prague in desperate hope to locate other survivors.

But in 1948 she was forced to flee during the Soviet occupation which is when she came to Birmingham to live with an aunt and uncle.

When asked by students how she survived Auschwitz Mindu's simple reply was 'sheer luck'. Two years ago Mindu returned to the concentration camp. She said it stirred up 'terrible' feelings but the visit ultimately gave her a semblance of closure. "It was a stark reminder of what happened to me there all those years ago," she said.

Mindu added: "When I was younger I didn't think about the experience a lot but as I got older time makes them memories come back. Survivors like me tell their personal stories in hope that the people who hear them remember and do not stand by in the face of injustice in the future."

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Apprenticeships growth 'fantastic news' – MP

CANNOCK Chase MP Amanda Milling has welcomed new figures showing 370 new apprenticeships were started in her constituency between August and October 2015.

The figures, released by the Skills Funding Agency and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, show that Cannock Chase is the top seat in Staffordshire, excluding Stoke on Trent Unitary Authority, and joint fifth across the whole of the West Midlands in terms of apprenticeship starts.

This brings the total apprenticeships started in Cannock Chase to 6,590 since May 2010. It mirrors local growth in apprenticeships, with 245,360 started in the West Midlands region since May 2010, and more than 2.6 million new apprenticeships across England as a whole.

Topping

The Cannock Chase MP believes apprenticeships are being seen more and more as a good career path for local young people. And she said she would like to see more businesses take on apprentices.

Ms Milling said: "These figures are fantastic news. Cannock Chase is again topping another table when it comes to employment figures in the area. With more and more companies taking on staff and new businesses locating to Cannock Chase, we are seeing the local economy go from strength to strength."

"Apprenticeships are particularly important because they ensure more young people can earn and learn, with the prospect of a good job and a more secure future ahead of them."

Cannock Chase had the fourth most improved employment figures in the country between May 2010 and November last year. The district has also recently topped Staffordshire's



Amanda Milling with speakers Mark Bowen and Peter Langston

business start-up figures which showing that Cannock Chase's economy is growing year on year.

Ms Milling held an exporting event last week aimed at helping local businesses get into exporting.

Organised in partnership with UK Trade & Industry (UKTI) and the Chase Chamber of Commerce, it saw speakers from various organisations talk about their experiences of exporting and the specialist help available from UKTI.

Speakers included Mark Bowen, commercial director at from ATP Industries Group Ltd and Peter Lang-

ston of Zunsport, both Cannock based exporting businesses. Mr Bowen said: "I was delighted to speak at the event and give other local businesses the benefit of our experience. Most of our business is exporting and we ship products made in Cannock all over the world. I believe this is something more local firms could do and I hope they found the event helpful."

Ms Milling said: "There are many markets which local businesses could be exporting their goods and services to. The event was a great way of letting attendees know what opportunities exist and the help that is available."



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8 We don't need more cameras

CANNOCK Chase Council leader George Adamson seems to be a very angry man ("CCTV probe ordered in wake of attack on Josh", December 31).

His goal has nothing to do with safety. More cameras is his mantra, and yet we lived 2,000 years without cameras.

Ask for money, you say. I say why?

I ask myself every day, why did we fight two world wars?

ROY HUMPAGE
Great Wyrley

Difference in deer on Chase

THE Chronicle printed a photograph by Neal McIntosh of a male Fallow deer.

The deer in the photo was described as a 'stag', this is a common mistake, and you really should know better.

The male Fallow deer is a BUCK and the female a Doe. Red deer males are stags and the females are Hinds.

MALCOLM SINGLETON
Hednesford

There are only so many ways to fly and swim

CHARLES Darwin, our greatest naturalist, struggled for many years with the conflicting ideas between his strong religious beliefs and the facts he discovered about the evolution of life on our planet.

Evolution is a proven fact and has limited pathways – there are only so many ways to fly and so many ways to swim. And what of convergent evolution? This is the process whereby organisms, not closely related, independently evolve similar traits as a

result of having to adapt to similar environments.

There are many examples of this evolutionary trait and should life have taken hold on any of the billions of planets in our galaxy, their body forms would bear a striking resemblance to those we are familiar with on Earth.

At about four and a half billion years old and diameter of some 865,400 miles the Sun is generating energy at its core as hydrogen converts by fusion to helium. It will continue to 'burn' for

another four billion years. The gravitational forces in the Earth/moon system slows the rotation of Earth and the moon and makes the moon move away from Earth.

However, the distance between the two bodies grows by 1.5 inches per year while 2 billion years ago it was by only 0.5in. Four billion years ago the moon would have been very much closer and certainly the tides far higher.

T PACE
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Tours will be taking in Somme

EACH year the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Battlefield Tours organise pilgrimages to the battle areas of the First World War.

The tours are in August and September covering France and Belgium.

This year we plan to visit the Somme battlefields, the Ypres Salient, Arras, Vimy Ridge and Loos battlefield areas if requested. One hundred years ago on the 1st of July 1916 the Battle of the Somme began.

The trips specialise in visiting specific cemeteries or memorials on the above mentioned battlefields and when they are requested.

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JOHN BATTYE
West Yorkshire

Let's have an anthem that creates passion

IN reply to LDT ("Why change anthem just for sake of it?", January 28), England has no National Anthem of its own, and a BBC survey in 2006 suggested that 55 per cent of the English public would rather have 'Land of Hope and Glory' than 'God Save the Queen'.

I believe an anthem should be sung celebrating all special and victorious events, and I can think of none better than 'Land of Hope and Glory'.

Contrary to what LDT claims, I have read the lyrics, and words like freedom and mighty still can be used in describing Britain today.

They have deep meaning, and create passion. It's about time LDT had the courage to expose his or her identity. If I could not sign my letters, I would not write them.

PAUL WITTON
Cannock

My heart goes out to isolated people

WHILE out walking my dog on Cannock Chase I met John. At first he said very little, and conversation was limited.

Then as time went on we became good friends, and we discovered we had quite a lot in common.

We would stop and swap stories, some funny, some sad. Every day I would look forward to meeting John and his little black terrier bitch. There were always new stories to be swapped and laughs to be had.

Then one day he didn't turn up, nor the next day, or the next. The reason I discovered was his little old black bitch had died, and shortly after, John had lost the will to live and died of a broken heart.

It is so sad that as we grow older our pets become more valuable to us as a source of comfort especially if we have no immediately family to relate to. There must be many people in this situation. My heart goes out to them.

ROBERT WESTWORTH
Rugeley

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My marathon challenge

I AM training to run my first marathon, in Brighton in April. I am raising money for Tommy's. They help support parents who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss and fund research into this. I would appreciate any help in fundraising as well as sponsorship by local businesses. You can find out more about the charity and why it is so important to me at www.justgiving.com/Emma-DerryBrighton

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Account of an animal sitter's life

Shareshill WI

IN wishing everyone a Happy New Year, members and visitors were welcomed to the first meeting of 2016 by president Margaret Bedford.

From comments made and thank you letters received by visitors from Cannock and Hayes Green WIs, the Christmas party was enjoyed by all and from contributions made instead of sending each other Christmas cards, a £100 donation was made to the Midlands Air Ambulance Fund.

The 'Behind the scenes' visit to the Grand Theatre is going ahead on Thursday February 11. The WI will be sending a team to the county quiz on February 25.

Tickets are on sale for the Heathside Group Meeting which Shareshill is hosting on Thursday, March 3. The speaker will be Geoff Tristram, well known local artist, author and cartoonist.

Secretary Sue Davidson gave details of forthcoming events, the spring council meeting on March 15, the WI holiday to Cornwall on April 12, homes and gardens day on April 19 and an extra county visit to Denman College, from June 13 to 15.

Speaker for the evening was Chrissie Whereat with hilarious tales of her experiences while looking after people's animals.

President Margaret thanked Chrissie for an amusing and entertaining account of her life as an 'animal sitter'.

The next meeting, on February 18, will be a 'Krazy Kraft Extravaganza' with a 'mini County Show'.

Enjoyable theatre tour was just grand

Ladies brave weather for sizzling meal

Hednesford TG

AT the January Guild meeting, the group welcomed Mick and Sylvia Fawcay from the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF).

They supply flights for aid, development and mission organisations to transform the lives of the world's most isolated and vulnerable people in hard to reach places.

At the end of the meeting they were presented with a small donation to help with the sterling work they do.

To further raise money for charity, the guild will be holding a Secret Auction at the February meeting.

Eight ladies braved the cold weather to visit Sizzling, the refurbished former Mill Farm for the January Luncheon Club.

They were served by friendly helpful staff and enjoyed a value for money carvery lunch and indulged in a dessert followed by coffee. February's Luncheon Club is to meet at the Littleton Arms.

Guild meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 2pm at St Peter's Church Hall, Hednesford. Newcomers always welcome. Details from Doreen on 01543 877987.

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Cannock TG

THE club's recent visit to the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton with members from Hednesford Guild was very enjoyable.

Guide Claudia Gilmour gave a brief history of the theatre and a lively and informative tour back stage and of the dressing rooms.

She pointed out the renovations which were taking place, the theatre ceiling has been given a major overhaul with gold leaf. The tour was followed by refreshments, courtesy of the Grand Theatre.

The Christmas party was a buffet provided by guild members. Entertainment for the evening came from Wood Green handbell ringers. They played a range of music including Christmas carols which everyone joined in with. Some members were invited to have a go, much to the amusement of everyone. The vote of thanks was given by Sue Evans.

The January meeting was a Beetle Drive presented by Di Beasley. Following a members ballot, cheques of £75 each from the charity fund will be sent out to Midlands Air Ambulance and SNAP, the Special Needs Adventure Playground.

She also informed members that activities were being held throughout the year, including craft, walking and family history.

There is a discussion group planned for February entitled 'What are the differences between Women and Men', Pauline Haywood will be hosting this at her home.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at St Luke's School, New Penkridge Road, Cannock.

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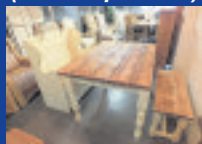
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En-deer-ing snap captures fence leap



Steven Kendrick, aged 44, from Walsall, captured this mother deer cleaving a fence at Chasewater Country Park

Not even wire fences can stop this delightful deer from exploring a popular beauty spot.

In a single majestic leap, snapped by Steven Kendrick, the animal clears the barrier and gets on with its journey through Chasewater Country Park.

But that's more than can be said for its fawns, who had to find an alternative route. Mr Kendrick, 44, from Walsall,

said: "They were all waiting to cross the fence. It was the mother that jumped over first. The young one was walking up and down for 15 minutes because the fence was too tall. In the end they walked away and found another way across."

Mr Kendrick has been lucky with deer on Chasewater, frequently snapping the creatures as they travel.

Station car park reopens

A RAILWAY station car park has reopened after being closed for more than a year.

Engineers reconnected the electricity supply to the site at Lichfield Trent Valley last week.

The car park had been closed while work was carried out to strengthen the bridge in Burton Old Road.

London Midland had hoped to open the car park in December when the work was completed. However, when staff arrived on site they found contractors had disconnected the power

supply and removed the company's electricity meter during the works.

This left the 125-space site, next to the busy mainline between London and Glasgow, without any lights.

David Whitley, head of cross-city services at London Midland, said: "We are really sorry for our passengers who have had to wait while we got the electricity reconnected."

"It was a complete surprise to us when we got the site back to find the meter had been taken out and the power had been disconnected." During the bridge work, London Midland

provided alternative car parking on the former GKN site near the station.

London Midland has welcomed the findings of the latest National Rail Passenger Survey, which is carried out twice a year by independent transport watchdog Transport Focus.

The latest survey shows an overall year-on-year improvement for London Midland customer satisfaction.

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'Don't miss out' warning to voters over elections

PEOPLE living in Cannock Chase will need to register to make sure that they don't miss out on having their say on polling day, the district council has warned.

On Thursday, May 5, voters in the district will go to the polls for local government elections and the election of a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Staffordshire.

Local government elections select councillors who are responsible for making decisions on running services in the local area including parks, leisure, housing, planning, public safety, and waste management.

The Police and Crime Commissioner oversees the running of the local police force, including appointing the Chief Constable, setting the local budget and deciding what the priorities should be for the police in their area.

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Tony McGovern, Electoral Registration Officer for Cannock Chase, said: "Only people who are registered can take part in May's elections."

"Registering is easy and you can apply online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote in just a few minutes. You will need your date of birth and national insurance number."

Ben Brook, Head of English regions at the Electoral Commission, said: "Anyone not yet registered to vote should do so as soon as possible so they will be able to have their say on issues that directly affect their day-to-day lives. It's important that anyone who is eligible to be on the register, but has not yet registered, does so. The deadline to register to vote is Monday 18th April 2016."

Those who would prefer can still apply using a paper form.

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Love in at local libraries



Penkridge Library supervisor Tara Spandzyrk

'LOVE it and use it' is the message to book lovers on National Libraries Day this weekend.

Libraries across Staffordshire are urging their communities to 'Use it', 'Love it', 'Join it'.

Local people of all ages have taken part in a week of exciting events and opportunities, including: author appearances, reading and poetry competitions, a science fair and craft sessions, culminating in Saturday's event.

Libraries will be using National Libraries Day on Saturday, to highlight the many free services and opportunities membership of Staffordshire Libraries now brings, with special promotional displays encouraging local residents to 'Love your Library'.

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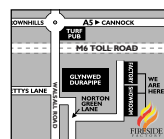
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Naida battles her way to tournament bronze



Mike Carr and Naida Southall celebrate her performance at the English Karate Federation National Championships

A STAFFORDSHIRE karate athlete took bronze at the English Karate Federation National Championships.

Naida Southall, aged 38 from Stafford, trains with Ryu Shotokan Karate and had been preparing for this competition for the last few months. Instructor Mike Carr from Hednesford said: "Naida has been working extremely hard the last year to get where she is now. She gave a brilliant account of herself on the day and put all the things that we had been working on in training on the mat.

"Naida replicated her form from last year as she took a bronze medal at the same competition, but Naida had to move up a category this year as she has become more experienced." The tournament was held at Ponds Forge International Arena in Sheffield. Team Ryu took a four-person team there, including eight-year-old Coni Mae Cartwright.

The club are now preparing for more competitions coming up including the UK open next month.

Team Ryu also have three people shortlisted for awards in the Stafford Borough Sport awards.

Ryu Shotokan train in Cannock at Nuffield Health and in Stafford at Active Arts. More information about the club can be found at www.ryukarate.co.uk

County will be £620m in debt at year's end

STAFFORDSHIRE County Council will be more than £620 million in debt next year, new figures show – as the bosses count the cost of borrowing cash for building projects.

A report for a cabinet meeting revealed that the council will have £626m worth of debt come March 31 next year, the end of the 2016-17 financial year.

The debt has built up over a number of years and has come from loans and their interest rates.

The county council has borrowed the money, similar to other councils up and down the country, for general maintenance in the county, such as roads and schools, as well as bigger projects such as business parks.

Ian Parry, Staffordshire County Council's deputy leader and cabinet member responsible for finance, said: "Every day hundreds of thousands of people in Staffordshire use our roads, schools, business parks, footpaths and other structures that the county council has put in place over the decades.

"This essential infrastructure, which enables people

to live and work, has been mainly paid for by long-term loans, similar to the way people have a mortgage.

"More recently the county council has used its own cash reserves to fund this type of investment which has generated significant savings through lower interest payments."

After 2017 the debt is forecasted to slowly decrease. It is estimated to reduce to £621m by March 31, 2018 and £616m by March 31, 2019.

Despite the upturn in the UK's economy and projected falling debt, the finance boss says the authority will continue to use cash instead of taking on more loans in the immediate future.

Wartime history project £9,500 lottery boost



A former First World War training hut on Cannock Chase

A project that aims to highlight Cannock Chase's First World War history has received a second funding injection from Heritage Lottery Fund of £9,500.

After receiving funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund in 2015, The Friends of Cannock Chase, in partnership with Cannock Chase AONB, has received a further £9,500 to deliver the second stage of the Reaching Out Arms - The

Story of WWI on Cannock Chase project.

The first stage saw 19 volunteers trained to become either walk leaders or Great War Hut guides.

This year will see the second stage of the project get underway, which will include recruiting and training volunteers who will gather information about the people who were involved in building, serving and training in the camps at Cannock Chase.

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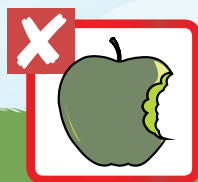
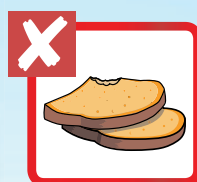
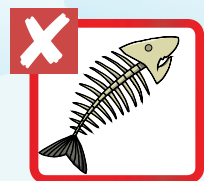
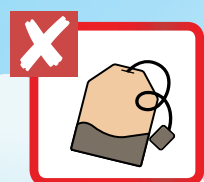
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Teenage musicians hit a winning note in contest

TEENAGE musicians Rhianon Hill and Ben Spindler are to represent Cannock Chase in a district competition.

They were among the stand-out performers in the Rotary Club of Cannock's Young Musician competition, held at Cannock Chase High School.

The competition featured entrants from both Chase High and Cardinal Griffin RC High School, who each performed two solo pieces.

Chase High student Rhianon, 17, was the vocalist winner. She sang Defying Gravity from the West End show Wicked and the Adele number Someone Like You.

The overall winner was 15-year-old Ben, also of Chase High, playing the clarinet. He performed Andantino by Arnold and Prelude by Finzi.

The district competition is on Sunday, February 28 at Wrekin College at Telford.

Informative

A Cannock Chase Team also made their point to win the Rotary Club's public speaking competition Youth Speaks.

Kingsmead School, Hednesford, staged the competition, which featured its own students, aged 11 to 13, as well as those from Chase High.

Each team consisted of three students, - a chairman, speaker and summariser - with the winning team made up of Lewis Jones, Henry Hardwick and Oliver Potter from Chase High, who gave an informative and moving talk on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Awards were presented by club president Ian Hall. The Rotary Club's next competition is the Young Chef on Thursday, February 11, at Kingsmead School. Any schools wishing to take part should in any of the 2016-17 competitions should contact secretary@cannockrotary.co.uk for details.



From left, Oliver Potter, Lewis Jones, Henry Hardwick and Rotary's Ian Hall



Rhianon Hill, Alex Nickless, Debbie Allan, Annabel Nickless, Ben Spindler, Emily Hinks

Sign up for big breakfast

STAFFORDSHIRE men and women are being urged to get a taste for fundraising by signing up to Britain's Biggest Breakfast in aid of Cancer Research UK.

The charity is calling on everyone - porridge perfectionists, muesli munchers and the brunch bunch - to conjure up a breakfast bonanza as part of its latest fundraising campaign.

Cancer Research UK is encouraging people to organise a breakfast party at home, in the office or at school and invite their friends and family to make

a donation to attend. Participants can unite with the rest of the UK and host their event on Friday, March 11 or choose another day during the month to help beat cancer sooner.

Every day, 83 people are diagnosed with cancer in Staffordshire and the West Midlands. Jane Redman, Cancer Research UK spokesperson for Staffordshire, said: "We're urging people to rally friends, family, colleagues and neighbours and take part in Britain's Biggest Breakfast. Money donated will help to fund vital research."

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County bucking trend of poor school standards

STAFFORDSHIRE is bucking a national trend in education at a time when more than 250,000 young people across the country are attending failing schools.

A total of 329 schools across the country are failing to meet Government floor targets, which means hundreds of thousands of children are missing out on a decent education, according to the publication of the latest school league tables.

Education bosses in Stafford point to the fact that 81 per cent of schools in their county are rated good or outstanding as proof of an improvement in opportunities available to youngsters.

In 2013, the number of schools in Staffordshire classed as good or outstanding was 64 per cent.

Council bosses have recently claimed that more than 14,000 pupils across Staffordshire are receiving a better standard of education compared to three years ago.

Ben Adams, Staffordshire County Council's cabinet member for learning and skills, said: "The education landscape has changed significantly in recent years and now head teachers and governors are directly responsible for their school's performance."

"It's their job to form alliances and work together with counterparts to share best practice and achieve high standards, while parents should challenge them on their school's achievements."

"The council's role now is to monitor what's happening, encourage and intervene where necessary – often by commissioning specific training for staff and governors through our school support service Entrust."

Strongly

"In recent years we have focused on reviewing schools' performance regularly and intervening quickly and strongly when needed."

"That is why the number of schools rated good or outstanding has risen to 81 per cent, and the ratio of children receiving a good or outstanding education has risen 13 points in three years to 76 per cent. Clearly we want every child in Staffordshire to receive a good or outstanding education and we will continue to work with schools across the county to either improve or maintain the highest standards."

The number of pupils in Staffordshire gaining five or more good GCSEs has also risen over the past year.

The top school in the county for GCSEs was Chase Grammar School in Cannock, which saw all 17 of its pupils gain five or more A* to C GCSEs including English and maths.

Across the whole county, 56.1 per cent of pupils gained the Government's benchmark of five or more GCSEs at A* to C, including English and maths.



County councillor Ben Adams

The figures see Staffordshire rise seven places in the national league tables to 94th out of 152 local authorities.

Despite bosses continuously working towards general improvement for schools in the county, levels of attainment and progress in the Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 are outperforming national levels.

A report on the state of education across the county discussed earlier this month also states work is needed at Key Stage 2 and 4 levels to catch up with other areas.

It reads: "Our focus going forward in 2015/16 will be at Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 where our schools need to accelerate improvements to gain ground in the rates of progress achieved by our statistical neighbours and nationally."

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Shugborough Hall gives up its hidden secrets

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For the first time, the people who run Shugborough Hall are sharing some of the secrets of the estate, giving history buffs a look beyond the public areas of the centuries-old home.

From underground passageways to hidden wine cellars, the first round of secrets to be revealed shows just how well the estate has been preserved.

In a message on their new blog, Shugborough posted: "Behind the public access areas of Shugborough are some really interesting features - particularly in the offices."

Hidden

Corinne Caddy, deputy manager, said: "There's nothing more enjoyable than showing people things they don't expect to see. I've started bringing groups through, with a view to opening these areas up to the public on guided tours."

"It's a shame that people don't see everything we have to offer. I'd also like to show off things that are hidden in plain sight. We're so spoiled, and you might not notice the 10th Century lion columns in the grounds, or the fact that outside our office are steps which don't go anywhere. It was so people could get on their horse, but not many people notice."

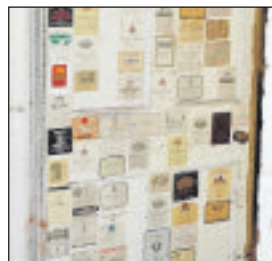
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The cellars where wine was stored



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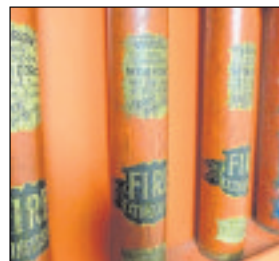


One of the cellars used by Lord Lichfield

centre of the flame and never sprinkle.

A wall of Corinne's office is taken up by a Cold Metal Eagle Range, which could have been used for boiling, baking and heating. It no longer works. No historic house is complete without hidden tunnels.

The original servants' route runs the full length of the mansion, where



Old fire extinguishers with instructions

food, water and chamber pots would have been transported. Along the passageway is also a number of cellars where wines and beer would have been stored. One of these is where Patrick Lichfield stored his wine collection. The labels from the bottles, which he'd save if it was a particular good bottle, are still stuck to the door.

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The wedding fair has previously been staged at The Mount Hotel, but to accommodate growing demand for exhibition space, is moving to a larger venue.

Brides-to-be are expected to flock to Wolverhampton Magazine's Wedding Fair planned for Sunday March 20, from 11am to 4pm.

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Shake-up in parking 'will cause more havoc'

A COUNCILLOR is opposing proposed parking changes, saying the move would leave disabled people at a disadvantage.

Staffordshire County Council intends to change the speed limit to 20mph along part of Brunswick Road and all of Chenet Way. The scheme will include 'significant changes' to disabled parking bays along part of Brunswick Road.

It comes after concerns were raised over on-street parking and the increased traffic flow as a result of 'increased patient service activity' at Cannock Hospital.

But Labour's Alison Spicer, County Councillor for Cannock, said: "I do not support the proposed scheme. My main concern is that it will leave disabled people at a disadvantage."

"The proposed drop-off points for disabled people come nowhere near to the current provision. This is because the spaces will be reduced by half, and the remaining ones only permitted as drop-off points."

"Furthermore, these drop-off points will cause more havoc on the road and make it more dangerous. Bad news for everyone. I do

not support reduced provision for disabled people.

"I would not have found this acceptable for my mum and dad, who were disabled later in their lives, and don't support reduced provision for disabled people trying to get to Cannock Hospital."

The proposal is to change the 30mph limit to 20mph for all of Chenet Way and from Beecroft Road to just past Chenet Way along Brunswick Road. The council says the aim is to 'influence traffic speeds, provide safer vehicle passage by reducing the extent of on-street parking and install pedestrian friendly crossing facilities which will bring about an improvement in road safety'.

By Simon Stone



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'Queen' pops in for lessons

YEAR 3 children at Chase View Primary School in Rugeley were treated to a visit from 'Queen Cleopatra'.

She spent the whole day with them, helping them with their Egyptian topic work. Once Cleopatra had introduced herself, she took the children on a journey through her life and explained what it was like in ancient Egypt, said headteacher Andy Minott. The children had hands-on experience of different jobs - even making a mummy. They became traders, pyramid builders, farmers and servants.

During the afternoon session, Cleopatra taught the children games that Egyptian children would have played 3,000 years ago. They learned about Mancala, the oldest known board game, and how to spin a whipping top.



Pupils get specialist help with their Egyptian topic work

Villagers have say on 'area' proposal

By Simon Stone

COLTON Parish Council has applied for Neighbourhood Area designation.

The application to Lichfield District Council is the first stage in developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Colton.

A Neighbourhood Plan would outline how Colton could be shaped in the future and, if approved, will provide a framework for potential development, which will form part of Lichfield District Council's Local Plan.

The district council is holding a consultation until Friday, March 4 so local people and organisations can comment on the proposed area designation.

Councillor Ian Pritchard, the district council's cabinet member for economic growth, development and environment, said: "I am pleased that another community from Lichfield district is following in the path of other local parish councils to have their area designated."

"It's a great opportunity for Colton to shape how their community could look in the future, and we look forward to receiving comments about the application."

To comment on the proposed designation, or to find out more about neighbourhood planning, visit www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans or call Lichfield District Council on 01543 308192.

Wine man in TV plea



Campaign - Dave Eglington of the Wolseley Wine Loft

DAVE Eglington of the Wolseley Wine Loft is encouraging independent wine merchants to join forces in a bid to get smaller shops featured on TV food and drink programmes.

He said he was feeling aggrieved at the lack of recognition which independent wine merchants receive on the likes of the BBC's Saturday Kitchen.

"Every Saturday morning I watch Saturday Kitchen. However, wherever they are in the country it's

inevitable that they end up in a supermarket," said Dave, who works at the business headed by mother-in-law Brenda Rhodes alongside his full-time job as an auctioneer and valuer at Cuttlestones, Penkridge.

"I contacted the BBC to try and get my point across and ended up with a rebuff that wines they feature need to be 'widely available'."

His campaign urges wine merchants to lobby the TV companies by using social media.

Screwfix's new store to create 11 jobs

SCREWFIX is to officially open its first store in Rugeley on February 18 at Trent Business Park.

The new branch will create additional jobs and is part of the company's ongoing expansion plans.

Screwfix's new Rugeley store manager Dan Hill said: "We've created 11 brand new vacancies and have em-

ployed local people from around the Rugeley area."

"Our new team includes people of all ages and levels of experience, but the most important requirement is that they have the right attitude and can offer superb customer service."

"I'm confident that we've got a great location here in Rugeley. My team and

I have already been out and about getting to know local businesses and tradesmen and we've all been struck by how friendly everyone has been."

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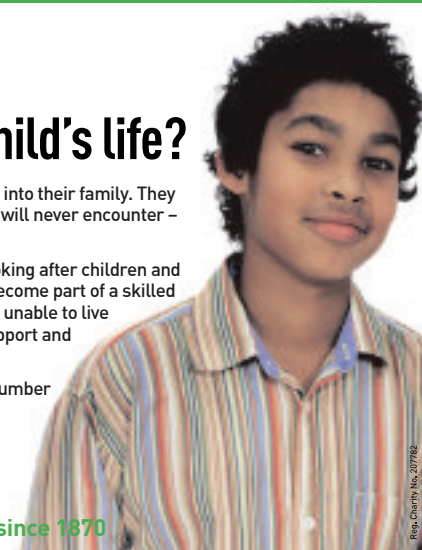
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Mild weather hits sales

THE record high temperatures in December have hit sales of coats and scarves at a Midland fashion house. Menswear brand Douglas & Grahame of Shenstone said, however, that its SS16 products are flying off the shelves. It said gilets, lightweight knits and jackets have already done incredibly well this winter. Sales director Anton Jenkins said: "Whilst sales of coats and winter overcoats might have been slower due to the mild winter weather, demand for second layer products seem to have been popular." Douglas & Grahame says it tailors itself to the needs of the small business.

Safety risk claim over £10m fire cutbacks

MORE than £10 million in savings for the fire services in Staffordshire and West Midlands will put public safety at risk, a new union report is warning.

Research by the Fire Brigades Union showed fire authorities across England will see their funding slashed by 20 per cent, or £137 million, by 2019-20.

In the West Midlands, £9.6 million of cuts will have to be made, while in Stafford £1.43 million will have to be saved in the next financial year, according to the report.

The union has already warned that thousands of firefighters' jobs have been cut in recent years, along with station closures.

Matt Wrack, general secretary of the FBU, said: "With implemented and planned cuts to the fire and rescue service now looking likely to be around 50 per cent from 2010 to 2020, the Government simply cannot keep denying that public safety is being put at risk."

Saving
"With 7,000 fewer front-line firefighters, fewer fire engines, station closures and other losses of equipment, such as that used to deal with terrorist attacks, and response times increasing significantly, professional firefighters are in no doubt that lives and property are being put at risk."

"We need the Government to put its hands up, admit it was wrong, and stop implementing more and more cuts."

"These never-ending cost saving measures won't keep the public safe. It really is looking as if this Government is content to put its austerity agenda before public safety, and it's time the public made it clear that

By Jordan Harris

it won't stand for this growing threat to their safety. Enough is enough."

Minister for Policing, Fire, Criminal Justice and Victims, Mike Penning, said: "Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) have delivered significant savings over the past five years."

"During the same period, fire deaths have fallen by 22 per cent and fire injuries have fallen by a quarter."

"Over the next five years, FRAs will see an overall reduction of two per cent to their core spending power – but there is no question they will still have the resources to do their important work."

"There are more efficiencies to be made through smarter working, reducing the cost of back office functions and using services' buying power to get the best deals from suppliers."

● Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service Friends, has been handing out a card featuring a list of home safety checks that can be ticked off by relatives and neighbours of older people.

The service is urging older people who have not yet benefitted from a Safe and Well assessment to book one as soon as possible by calling 0800 0241 999, texting 07528 983101 or visiting www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk/bookyourhfr.asp

M-way services operator in vow on living wage

MOTORWAY service area operator Roadchef, which employs more than 3,300 people across the UK, 221 of whom are based at Norton Canes Services, has today announced it will adopt the national living wage two months before it becomes compulsory.

The company becomes one of only a few hospitality businesses to commit to raising the hourly rate, ahead of government guidelines.

Team members, over 25 years of age, will receive a minimum of £7.20 per hour, which will benefit more than half of Roadchef's employees. In total, 93 per cent

of employees will receive an early pay rise ahead of minimum wage increases next year.

Founded in 1973, Roadchef operates 30 motorway and major trunk road service area sites across the country, including Watford Gap – the UK's first motorway service area.

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A man for all seasons



Violin and Villa home shirt, it could only be Nigel Kennedy, who made a triumphant return to Symphony Hall and Vivaldi

Nigel Kennedy, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

NOT many classical concerts start with a cry of 'Up the Villa' from the audience. Not even in Birmingham. But if the violinist happens to be the world's most famous Aston Villa fan (sorry, Your Highness), then different rules apply.

Even Villa's 4-0 drubbing at home by Manchester City in the FA Cup the day before couldn't dampen Nigel Kennedy's enthusiasm. I think I spied the Villa away shirt under his over-sized blazer when he kicked off the first half of his three-hour concert, and he certainly had the claret and blue shirt on for the second, emblazoned with the player's name Abonglahor. Certainly most of the banter with the audience was about his Villa obsession, including his desire to see new owners at the helm.

Football chat in a prestigious concert hall, nothing would please the former wunderkind of classical music more. He was the spiky-haired young man who shocked the classic world with his irreverent attitude, with his virtuoso ability and by selling three million copies of his 1989 recording of

REVIEW

by Leon Burakowski

Vivaldi's The Four Seasons. That gave him rock star status.

He still has spiky hair, a dubious taste in clothes (day-glo yellow trainers, baggy jeans and what appeared to be a jacket inspired by a bin bag), has a tendency to clown around and fist-bump his fellow musicians. But at 59 his ability is better than ever. He is even prepared to revisit The Four Seasons, albeit with a twist.

The first half saw Kennedy play his own compositions, a series called Dedications inspired and in tribute to Kennedy's musical heroes. These include Polish jazz guitarist Jarek Smietana (whose daughter Alicja Smietana is a violinist in Kennedy's orchestra/band), violinists Stephane Grappelli and Isaac Stern, and the still living US fiddle player Mark O'Connor.

These pieces were blends of jazz, folk and rock placed within a classical context, and they worked superbly. This was partly because Kennedy's restless

energy and infectious enthusiasm spread to his entire ensemble of top-notch musicians, drawn from the jazz and classical scenes across Europe.

Whether classic or contemporary, Kennedy stamps his foot and tends to yell 'yeah' like he is at a hoe-down and he cajoles, teases and challenges the other musicians to keep up with him, which made for some dazzling duels.

The Four Seasons also got jazz textures in the star violinist's reworking, entitled The New Four Seasons. I don't know if they really added anything to Vivaldi's great work but they didn't detract from it. He remained true to the spirit of the original work, with all Vivaldi's verve intact. Kennedy played with such intensity that you could afterwards see the hairs hanging from his worn bow. He showed the same vigour which made his name more than a quarter of a century ago.

He ended the night with an elegiac piece dedicated to Sir Terry Wogan (who put him on TV) and Polish jazz saxophonist Janusz Munia, both of whom had died earlier in the day. It was a sombre end to a night of joyous and superlative musicianship from the violin man for all seasons.

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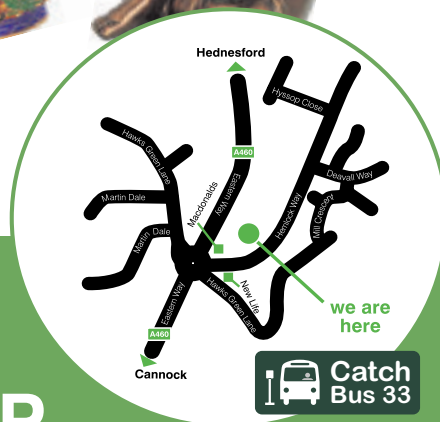
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Fewer with mental problems put in cells

THE number of people with mental health issues who end up in police cells in Staffordshire has dropped by 80 per cent.

However, a police chief says there is still work to be done. Following investment into alternative detention cells for prisoners with mental health issues, new figures show the number of people detained in police custody under the Mental Health Act has fallen by 80 per cent.

The figure fell from 168 in 2012 to 33 in 2015.

The progress in Staffordshire has led to national reform including new government funding for health-based alternatives to police cells for people in mental health crisis.

Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis said: "When I started work as the PCC I was shocked by the number of mentally vulnerable people Staffordshire Police had no option but to put in police cells because there weren't suitable places of safety."

Training

"It became clear to me that this was fundamentally the wrong place for an individual who is in mental health crisis to be kept if they haven't committed a crime. Over the last three years, and working closely with Staffordshire Police, I've invested additional resources in NHS mental health services."

"Alongside better training for police officers it's meant there's been a large reduction in the number of people who are simply ill finding themselves in a cell."

"The NHS have also stepped up to the mark by investing extra staff in this area in Staffordshire and it's essential that this momen-

By Jordan Harris

tum continues. I have been driving hard for the public agencies in Staffordshire to work better together and use public money more effectively. The improvements here are an example of how that can benefit the interests of vulnerable people, policing and the taxpayer."

"The Home Secretary has recognised this by ensuring this work has to be jointly led by police and crime commissioners and the health service working together and sharing expertise and budgets."

The commissioner said there was still work to be done, as highlighted by one case in 2015 where a seriously ill man was kept in police custody for nearly 64 hours in Staffordshire.

The independent Ethics, Transparency and Audit Panel (ETAP), which the PCC set up to scrutinise policing, was asked to carry out a review into the matter which is due to be published shortly.

Mr Ellis said: "This is a complex area and it may be impossible to reduce to zero the number of people detained in police cells under the Mental Health Act. But I will not be satisfied until the number is as low as we can realistically achieve."

Families to get 30 hours of free childcare a week

FAMILIES in Staffordshire are to receive 30 hours of free childcare every week under new government plans.

The move is an extension of the 15 hours' free childcare that is already provided to three and four year olds in the county.

Staffordshire is one of eight areas, along with York, Northumberland, Newham, Hertfordshire, Wigan, Portsmouth and Swindon, which has been chosen to pilot the extra 15 hours.

The government-funded expansion will begin in September and will initially be targeted at families who al-

ready go out to work. Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling spoke of her delight after the scheme was announced.

She said: "I know how important accessing childcare can be for parents and this will help many people, both through making it easier to work and extra help with childcare costs."

"The Government is investing heavily in childcare and helping hard working families, and this is great news."

Staffordshire was chosen by the Government to pilot the second phase of this initiative as it impressed during the original £15m pilot.

Youngsters know how to Get Started



The five-day programme helped young people aged 16 to 25 experience different aspects of the fire and rescue service

Thirteen young people from Cannock have completed the third Prince's Trust 'Get Started' programme in partnership with Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service.

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The young people were joined by Poi Passion for part of the course when they were taught the graceful and rhythmic movement of poi. They were also treated to a fire spinning demonstration.

At the end of the week the group had a 'Celebration of Success' event where employers and relatives got the chance to see what they had learned during the programme.

Rail work in new phase

THE second phase of reconstruction work at a key point in the Chase Line electrification scheme has begun.

To accommodate overhead power cables, the tunnel underneath Park Street, Walsall, is having to be rebuilt. Towards the end of last year, the station side of the tunnel was replaced over a period of seven weeks.

Now, the second phase, on the opposite side of the street, has begun.

Matt Brown, scheme project manager for Network Rail, said: "Techni-

cally this is relatively straightforward, but logistically it's the most complicated bridge I've ever had to deal with because it's right in the middle of the town centre.

"We have had a close relationship with the local authority and the traders to educate people as to what we are doing and why we're doing it. We're expecting to finish by Easter. It's been eye-opening. A lot of people don't even know there's a railway underneath because of the nature of the street."

The £76 million electrification scheme involves 15 miles of track

between Rugeley and Walsall. It will mean more frequent services and bring a host of benefits making trains route environmentally friendly.

Several bridges have had to be rebuilt to create enough clearance for overhead wires to be installed.

Work was delayed on the Park Street tunnel after engineers discovered that the structure was different to the original plans. Despite the delay, Network Rail bosses confirmed it will not affect the overall timetable of the electrification scheme which is due to be completed by the end of 2017.

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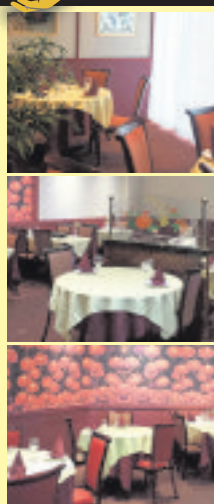
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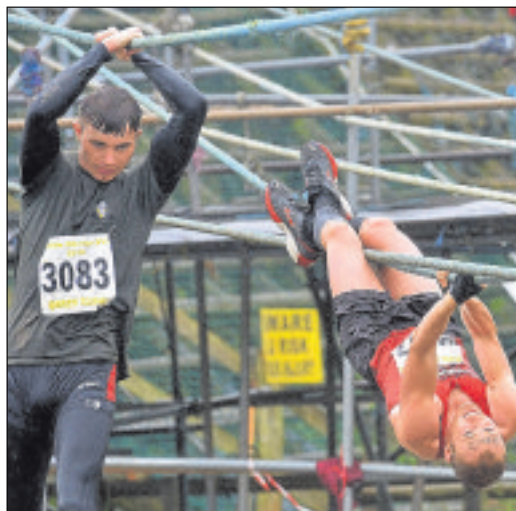


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Beginning with a cross-country trail and ending at the Killing Fields, participants risk dehydration, hypothermia, electric shocks, sprains and broken bones. So what better way to prove my toughness to my colleagues than by signing up. My announcement was met with laughs. Although I regularly go to the gym and run, I'm the first to admit that I'm no 'tough guy'.

Last minute gym sessions and six mile cross-country runs followed in the days before the challenge to the point I dared to claim I was prepared. And it all started so easily. Two miles in – a brisk jog with obstacles to leap over and crawl under – it was going so well, only a few beads of sweat came down my forehead and a splattering of mud over my legs.

But oh no. This country trail was the calm before the storm. It began with the Colditz Wars. A wooden structure webbed with rope with only one way to get past it – pull, drag and haul yourself to the top before tumbling down the other side. Then a leap through burning bales of hay followed by crawling through a seemingly endless line of tyres. This was just the beginning to my first Tough Guy – I'd only just entered the Killing Fields. Claustrophobic? The Underground Interrogation Pits and Vitetong Tunnels would be your worst nightmare. I entered the

dark, murky underground of the pits, lying on my front and moved forward slowly, carefully avoiding hanging wires each producing an electric shock when touched.

Then, still in the pitch black, it was on to the tunnels. Long concrete cylinders I somehow managed to haul myself through, partly thanks to people around me pushing and shoving me. On I plodded, by now my body smeared in mud and sweat, to the Paradise Climb, anything but paradise. A 50ft high climb before a scary walk on cargo net while trying not to peer down at the ground far below.

Scrambling

Worse was round the corner – an ice cold man-made lake. I swam ahead to a shallower part of the lake where huge logs were placed across the water surface. This was the Death Plunge. I was to now duck my whole body under the water again and again.

Scrambling out of the lake The Brandenburg Wall stood high in front of me – a 40ft near vertical climb. But two more lakes – the North Face Lake and Dragons Pool – followed.

It was the worst obstacle which had been saved till last. I glided along the Green Rolling Hills before faced with Viagra Falls. Leaping into a deep lake, I then clambered up a steep hill beneath hanging electric eels – but by this point I didn't care.

One electric shock after another as I got to the peak before almost falling down the other side past the finish line and onto a bale of hay. I collapsed in the make-shift changing area. My body was aching all over. But I found the energy to take a selfie with my medal. Done, dusted. I'd conquered Tough Guy!



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Ron Hadley, left and a young Maurice Oakley with the 1911 Austin town carriage which had been damaged in 1963



From left, Jack Jones, foreman at Brade-Leigh Products in Great Bridge with Maurice and Ronald and the Austin

Austin carriage revs back into Maurice's life half a century on

LITTLE could the young Maurice Oakley have known when he put the finishing touches to repairs to a bashed up 1911 Austin town carriage in May 1963 that he would get to see it again more than 50 years on.

Mind you, he could not have known either that a photograph showing him and his colleague Ron Hadley, who is on the left, working on the vehicle at Brade-Leigh Products at Great Bridge would re-emerge all those years later too.

"I couldn't believe it," said Mr Oakley, of Hamstead, Road, Great Barr. He remembers the repair job well. I was 23 then, and it had been in a smash, and came into Brade-Leigh Products to be repaired. It belonged to Longbridge [the Austin Motor Co], and was being transported from Longbridge, going to a show or something

MEMORY LANE

Report by Alex Ross

like that, and was on a low loader or a mid low loader. What I remember is that it went under a low bridge and it smashed the top over.

"It was hit at the top of the roof above the driver and it buckled part of the roof. One or both doors had to be repaired.

"I had to replace some broken and damaged timbers. I was a commercial body builder."

Mr Oakley, who lived in those days in Dudley Street, West Bromwich, and earned 6s 2d a week as a coach builder, recalls of the vehicle: "It's like what you would see on Downton Abbey, in which the posh lady went to town with the driver."

Not long ago he got to wondering what had become of the vehicle, and with a bit of searching on the internet tracked it down to the Heritage Motor Centre at Gaydon, Warwickshire, where it

is part of the museum collection. "It was hard to believe. My daughter got a number for Gaydon. I rang them up. There's a curator there, Steve Laing, and I was telling him about the car. He didn't know it had been in a smash in 1963 and looked all through his records and couldn't find anything about this car being damaged.

"He asked if there was any chance of me coming down and bringing any photos and literature, and that we could have a chat, which I did, about a month ago.

Mr Oakley was able to run his expert eye over the vehicle with which he had such a personal association. "It was very strange standing there. You can see part of it where it could have been worked on again to bring it up to scratch. I think they will probably leave it as it is rather than start disturbing things."

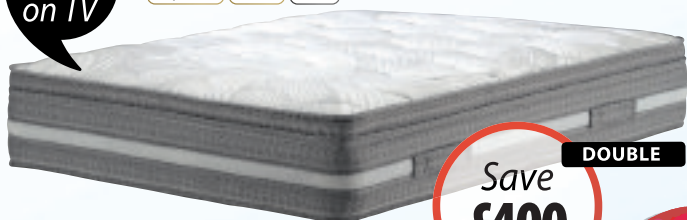
Mr Oakley, often known by his colleagues by the nickname 'Mossa', says he would love to hear from anybody he used to work with all those years ago. Mr Oakley is on 0121 358 1961.



Maurice comes face to face with the carriage 50 years later at the Heritage Motor Centre

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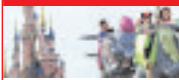
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Check out full listings in **the ticket** in Friday's Express & Star

The Jersey Boys are back in town

ONE of the West End's biggest hits of recent years, Jersey Boys, is at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, February 20.

Whilst still packing them into the Piccadilly Theatre in London, the touring production about the career of American pop group The Four Seasons, starring Matt Corner as Frankie Valli, is a surefire crowd-pleaser.

Full of Four Seasons hits from the golden era of pop in the 1960s and 70s, it also pulls no punches in its story about how a bunch of New Jersey boys who seemed destined to become crooks and gangsters took the music world by storm, but at some considerable personal cost.

Worldwide

Sam Ferriday will play Bob Gaudio, Lewis Griffiths is Nick Massi and Stephen Webb is Tommy DeVito, all continuing in their roles from previous tour dates. Michael Pickering will join the cast to play the role of Frankie Valli at certain performances.

Also joining the touring cast will be Mark Heenehan as Gyp DeCarlo, Joel Elferink as Bob Crewe, Joe Maxwell as Norm Waxman and Samantha Hull as Francine.

Jersey Boys has been seen by more 22 million people worldwide and is firmly established as one of London's most popular shows. It was also turned into a movie by actor/director Clint Eastwood.

The Four Seasons sold 100 million records worldwide, all before they turned 30. The show includes all the



Sam Ferriday, Stephen Webb, Matt Corner and Lewis Griffiths in Jersey Boys

major hits, including Sherry, Walk Like A Man, December, 1963 (Oh What a Night), Big Girls Don't Cry, My Eyes Adored You, Beggin', Let's Hang On (To What We've Got), Bye Bye Baby, Can't Take My Eyes Off You, Working My Way Back To You, Rag Doll and Who Loves You.

Written by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, Jersey Boys has won Olivier and Tony awards for Best New Musical, among 57 major awards worldwide.

See www.grandtheatre.co.uk for further details or call the box office on 01902 429 212.

Ballet gets a revamp-ire

A GOTHIC romance from the choreographer who created the male dancers' Swan Lake and passionate ballet The Car Man is set to thrill audiences at Birmingham Hippodrome from Tuesday to Saturday.

Danced to the music of Tchaikovsky, Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty takes the familiar fairy story and twists it into a dazzling whirl of punk fairies and vampires. It goes from the opulent Edwardian era to modern day, delivered with irreverent humour and lots of style and vigour.

Created for his New Adventures company's 25th birthday in 2012, Sleeping Beauty was a hit at the Hippodrome a year later and this revival comes to Birmingham after a successful run at London Sadler's Wells.

Returning to the central role of Aurora is rising star Ashley Shaw, a role shared with Cordelia Braithwaite in her first principal role with New Adventures. Her hero Leo will once again be played by Bromsgrove-born dancer Chris Trenfield and Dominic North, who has appeared in more New Adventures productions than any other dancer. North was nominated as Outstanding Male Dancer at The National Dance Awards for his performance as Edward Scissorhands.

The twin roles of Dark Fairy Carabosse and her sinister son Caradoc will be shared by two of New Adventures' most charismatic performers, Adam Maskell and Tom Clark, the latter making his debut in a principal role.

For more information see www.birminghamhippodrome.com or for tickets call 0844 338 5000.

Dance highlights at Symphony Hall

THE Royal Ballet Sinfonia takes centre stage at Birmingham's Symphony Hall on Saturday in an evening celebrating classic balletic highlights.

Compered by Birmingham Royal Ballet's director David Bintley, the evening will include music and dance excerpts from some of the company's most famous productions, such as David Bintley's The Seasons, Frederick Ashton's The Dream, and Kenneth Macmillan's Romeo and Juliet. The latter is being performed at Birmingham Hippodrome later this month.

The evening will also include a performance by students from Birmingham's Elmhurst School for Dance. See www.thsh.co.uk

All-star jazz band in Art Blakey tribute

MARKING the passing of jazz great Art Blakey 25 years ago, saxophonist Jean Toussaint brings his Roots and Herbs combo to celebrate and explore the music of the Blue Note legend and his Jazz Messengers.

The gig at Wolverhampton University's Arena venue tomorrow night (Fri) will feature an all-star line-up of trombonist Dennis Rollins, pianist Julian Joseph, trumpeter Byron Wallen, Daniel Casimir on bass and drummer Shane Forbes. See the arena@wlv.ac.uk website.

That's the same night veteran crooner Jack Jones performs his Jack Sings Frank tribute to Sinatra at the Symphony Hall.

US rock invasion at city gig venues

GIG highlights include Nashville rockers The Cadillac Three at Digbeth's O2 Institute tonight (Thu), with metal super-group The Winery Dogs at the same venue tomorrow night.

Texan rockers Bowling For Soup play Brum's O2 Academy on Saturday. Arizona metal outfit Soufly are at Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms on Sunday. Mid-80s drummer with punk legends The Ramones, Richie Ramone, has a gig at the Robin 2 in Bilston on Monday.

London rapper Loyle Carner plays the Hare and Hounds in Kings Heath on Tuesday, the same night fuzz rockers Ulrika Spacek are in the other room.

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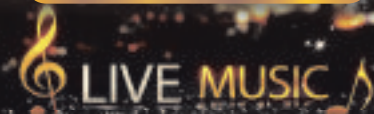
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CHOICE



John Inverdale

Live Six Nations Rugby Union (BBC1, 4.30pm)

Scotland v England (Kick-off 4.50pm). John Inverdale is at Murrayfield to introduce coverage of the Calcutta Cup tie, as the rivals play their first match of this year's tournament. Scotland's record in this fixture in recent years is quite dismal, but this year they can enter the encounter with confidence following a much-improved showing at the 2015 World Cup and the undoubted progress made under coach Vern Cotter. England, in contrast, are starting over again following their early exit from that tournament, which resulted in Eddie Jones taking over as coach from Stuart Lancaster, and Jones has named an exciting, new-look squad captained by Dylan Hartley.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. France v Italy (Kick-off 2.25pm). **4.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Scotland v England (Live 4.50pm).

6.55 BBC News.

7.05 Regional Programme.

7.15 **The Voice UK.** Paloma Faith, Boy George, Will.i.am and Ricky Wilson appraise the talents of more would-be stars as the spinning-chair singing contest continues. As the fifth set of "blind auditions" gets under way, Vangelis from London performs a rendition of the Culture Club hit *Do You Really Want to Hurt Me*. The coaches also assess the talents of Mari Marli, who sings Will.i.am's own *Bang Bang*, and 19-year-old Durham busker Chloe Castro. Plus, four-time Britain's Strongest Woman winner Geirna Magnusson takes to the stage.

8.30 The National Lottery: Win Your Wish List.

New series. Shane Richie returns with the dream prize game show, giving more couples a chance to pick a selection of perfect rewards to make up their personal wish lists, all of which have a connection to their shared history together. The contest begins as Phil and Sian from Liverpool attempt to win their chosen items. Plus, Ronan Keating performs in the studio, and joins Gabby Roslin to push the button in the all-important Lotto and Thunderball draws.

9.20 **Casualty.** Ethan has managed to put aside his dissatisfaction with NHS restrictions, and is back in full swing in the ED. The development comes as welcome news for Lily, and the pair join forces to help a girl with autism get the family support she desperately needs. However, just as Ethan begins to settle back down to work, it appears his world is about to be shaken to its core.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents; National Lottery Update.

11.55 **Race to Super Bowl 50.**

12.25 **Film:** Man of the Year. (2006) **2.15** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 **Film:** Tension at Table Rock. (1956) **7.45** **Film:** The Red Beret. (1953) **9.10** Animal Park. (R) **10.10** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **11.10** Natural World. (R) **12.00** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **12.45** Rick Stein's India. (R) **1.45** Holiday of My Lifetime with Len Goodman. (R) **2.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.30** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.25** Earth's Greatest Spectacles. (R)

6.25 Back in Time for the Weekend.

The Ashby-Hawkins family give up their 21st century technology and travel back in time to discover the radical transformation of our leisure time since 1950. Guided by presenter Giles Coren and social historian Polly Russell, the family's experience is underpinned by The Family Expenditure Survey, a government study which ran from the 1950s through to 1999. In the first episode, dad Rob finds out that he's expected to be handy with a tool kit, while mum Steph comes to terms with all the washing, cooking and cleaning expected of a 1950s housewife. Meanwhile, 16-year-old Daisy learns ballroom dancing courtesy of Angela Rippon, and 12-year-old Seth discovers the great outdoors. (R)

7.25 King George and Queen Mary: The Royals Who Rescued the Monarchy.

Part two of two. Queen Mary's rise to the throne from a comparatively low position within the royal hierarchy, after being selected for the role by Queen Victoria. (R)

8.25 **Dad's Army.** Captain Mainwaring has too much to drink during a weekend course with Captain Square, but still manages to save Jonesy's life. (R)

9.00 **The Real Marigold Hotel.** The group settle into life in their base in Jaipur, India, as Wayne Sleep and Bobby George have a cut-throat shave and a trip to the Taj Mahal brings Miriam Margolyes to tears. (R)

10.00 **Live at the Apollo.** Romesh Ranganathan comperes an evening of stand-up at London's Hammersmith Apollo, performing himself and introducing routines by guests Jason Byrne and Stewart Francis. (R)

10.45 **Insert Name Here.** (R)

11.15 **Film:** Tim. (1979)

1.00 **Film:** My Afternoons with Marguerite. (2010) **2.15** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bear: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. **8.30** Scrambled!: Jessie. **9.05** Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **9.25** TV News. **9.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.

11.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show. **12.15** ITV News; Weather. **12.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **1.25** Judge Rinder. (R) **2.25** Tipping Point. (R) **3.30** Doc Martin. (R) **4.30** The Martin Lewis Money Show. (R) **5.00** The Chase. (R)

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 **New You've Been Framed!** More comical mishaps, including a building crashing a luxury sports car and a tree that manages to topple a motorcyclist.

7.00 **Ninja Warrior UK.** Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara host the second semi-final, challenging more returning contestants to face the infamous obstacle course once again.

8.00 **Take Me Out.** Paddy McGuinness provides four more potential suitors for his 30 single ladies. This time, the men braving the "love lift" are James, a commodities trader from Leeds, Leamington Spa student Ben, Manchester-based circus performer Josh and Ian, a digital developer from Portsmouth. As ever, the would-be Romeos must present themselves to female panel in the hope that they'll keep their lights on as a sign of approval. Plus, Paddy provides an update from last week's couples on the Isle of Fernandos.

9.20 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host subjects another batch of celebrity guests to no-holds-barred questioning. Plus, musical performances by A-list bands and solo artists.

10.20 **ITV News; Weather.** **10.40** **Film:** Jurassic Park III. (2001) Action adventure sequel, starring Sam Neill, William H Macy and Tea Leoni.

12.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightgreen.

CHANNEL 4

8.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.30** Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Sandown Park, Ffos Las and Wetherby. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.30** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.00 Come Dine with Me. (R)
6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 **Great Canal Jorneys.** Timothy West and Prunella Scales go to Ireland and travel along the Shannon Erne Waterway, a canal linking the North to the South. Along the way, they try some traditional dancing and folk singing, visit historic sites including Crom Castle and Bloody Pass, and meet a genealogist with a fascinating story to tell. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 **Walking Through Time.** Palaeontologist Dr Tori Herridge investigates the natural disaster that destroyed the massive chalk land-bridge that once connected Britain to continental Europe 450,000 years ago. Beginning her inquiries in Norfolk, she discovers what life was like before the ancient mega-flood, where she meets an amateur palaeontologist who uncovered the biggest mammoth skeleton ever found, and examines the 850,000-year-old footprints of an early human family perfectly preserved in prehistoric mud. She then travels to Kent and the white cliffs of Dover to detail how the mega-flood happened, joining an "oceanographic" expedition seeking to document evidence of this cataclysm found on the bed of the English Channel.

9.00 **Film: Prisoners.** (2013) Premiere. Police question a man in relation to the disappearance of two children, but can find no evidence of wrongdoing. However, the distraught father of one of the missing youngsters is not convinced of his innocence, and kidnaps the suspect to force him into a confession. Thriller, starring Hugh Jackman.

12.00 **Film:** Friday the 13th. (2009) **1.45** Hollyoaks. (R) **3.55** Undercover Boss Canada. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **9.30** The Saturday Show. **11.35** Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.00** Now That's Funny! (R) **3.00** Benefits, Babies & Jail. (R) **4.00** Benefits: Can't Work Won't Work! (R) **5.00** Benefits: 19 Kids and Counting the Cost. (R)

6.00 **Celebs on Benefits: Fame to Claim.** Documentary following former Corrie star Bruce Jones (Les Battersby) and one-time Big Brother contestant Lisa Appleton, who have gone from signing autographs to signing on the dole. (R)

6.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 **World War II in Colour.** Examining Mussolini's decision to push Italy's forces into North Africa, and looking at the air and sea battles for control of the strategically vital Mediterranean island of Malta. (R)

8.00 **America's Hidden Pyramid City: Ancient Mysteries.** A team of experts uses cutting-edge technology to examine the history of an ancient Native American civilisation that built a metropolis in what is now Illinois. (R)

9.00 **The Championship: Football League Tonight.** Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's top matches from the Championship, which included Burnley v Hull City and Middlesbrough v Blackburn Rovers.

10.00 **Goal Rush: Football League Tonight.** Kelly Cates and George Riley present a round-up of all the goals and talking points from League One and League Two, as well as a look at the latest league tables.

10.30 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** The detectives are forced to rely on an officer from another district when a rape victim refuses to talk to anyone but him, while introductions to the new ADA go badly. (R)

11.25 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** An ex-financier is questioned about the murder of his girlfriend – but the focus of the investigation gradually shifts to the CEO of a dating website. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Celebrity Botched Up Bodies. (R) **4.00** Celebrity Big Brother: The Good, the Bad and the Outrageous. (R) **4.50** House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three **7.00** Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D **7.05** Don't Tell the Bride **8.05** Top Gear Vietnam Special **9.20** **Film:** Meet the Parents (2000) **11.05** Russell Howard's Good News **11.30** Family Guy **1.00** Russell Howard's Good News **1.30** Siblings **2.00** The Revolution Will be Televised **3.00** Far Right and Proud: Reggie Yates' Extreme Russia **4.00** Close

BBC Four **7.00** How Earth Made Us **8.00** Shipwrecks: Britain's Sunken History **9.00** The Young Montalbano **10.45** Annabel's Nightclub: A String of Naked Lightbulbs **11.45** Je t'aime: The Story of French Song with Petula Clark **12.05** Shirley Bassey at the BBC **1.45** Top of the Pops: 1981 **3.10** Sounds of the Eighties **3.35** Close

ITV3 **11.10** Ninja Warrior UK **12.10** Scorpion **1.05** You've Been Framed! Gold Fuli Throttle **2.10** **Film:** Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **4.00** **Film:** Beethoven (1992) **5.50** Celebrity Catchphrase **6.50** **Film:** The Mummy Returns (2001) **9.20** Take Me Out – The Gossip **10.20** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **10.50** **Film:** Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street (2008) **1.10** Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands **2.10** Reality Bites **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 **1.50** The Return of Sherlock Holmes **4.00** **Film:** Columbo: It's All in the Game (1993) **6.05** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **12.05** Blue Murder **1.40** Man About the House **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4 **1.35** **Film:** No Name on the Bullet (1959) **3.10** **Film:** The Untouchables (1950) **6.00** Live FIA Formula E Championship. The Buenos Aires ePrix. **8.30** Storage Wars **9.00** **Film:** Escape from New York (1981) **11.05** **Film:** The Return (2006) **12.50** **Film:** Red Heat (1988) **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.05** Teleshopping

ITV4 **3.05** The Goldbergs **4.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** **Film:** Bridesmaids (2011) **11.30** Gogglebox **1.35** Virtually Famous **2.20** The Inbetweeners **3.15** The IT Crowd **4.05** 2 Broke Girls **4.30** Rules of Engagement **5.15** Revenge **5.45** Teleshopping

ITV4 **11.00** California Man (1992) **1.00** Horton Hears a Who! (2008) **2.40** Chococat (2000) **5.00** City of Ember (2008) **6.45** Shallow Hal (2001) **9.00** Salt (2010) **10.55** ATM (2012)

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CHOICE



Patrick Kielty's Mulholland Drive (BBC2, 10pm)
Patrick Kielty's journey to find the truth about William Mulholland, who was responsible for building Los Angeles' water infrastructure and providing a water supply that allowed the city to grow into one of the largest in the world. Patrick's family all worked for the water company in Northern Ireland and upon discovering that the man who gave LA its water was from Belfast, decided to find out why he isn't globally recognised.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News. Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.15** The Great Sport Relief Bake Off. (R) **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.50** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **5.35** Nature's Miracle Orphans. **6.50** BBC News. **6.50** Regional Programme. **7.00** Countryfile. Ellie Harrison and Matt Baker explore Tyne and Wear, visiting a lighthouse currently being restored and a country park on the site of an old coal mine that is now home to a variety of wildlife and a cattle farm, as well as looking for glass smoothed by the tide in Seaham. Olympic boxer Nicola Adams reveals her favourite countryside destination. Adam Henson meets some of Suffolk's country breeds, and Tom Heap investigates Britain's flood defences. Including Weather For The Week Ahead. **8.00** Call the Midwife. Sister Julianne has an eye-opening experience on a maternity ward, and a young man from Poplar is accepted into university – but an unexpected development threatens his dreams. **9.00** War and Peace. Chas descends on Moscow as the French army attacks the city. The Rostovs realise they are in danger and flee for their lives. Natasha finds herself with an unexpected travelling companion, and sees a last chance to make amends. Sonya is asked by the countess to make a sacrifice for her family. Traumatized by his experiences on the battlefield, Pierre resolves to stay behind and fight the invaders, and as he struggles through a hard winter, the scenes of horror and kindness he witnesses change his outlook on life. Last in the series. **10.20** BBC News. **10.40** Regional Programme. **10.50** Match of the Day 2. Jason Mohammad reviews the day's Premier League action. **11.55** Film: In the Valley of Elah. (2007) Drama, starring Tommy Lee Jones, Charlize Theron and Susan Sarandon. **1.45** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.50** BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **6.50** The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.35** The Secret History of the British Garden. **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Best Bakes Ever. (R) **11.45** Race to Super Bowl 50. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Film: We Dive at Dawn. (1943) Second World War adventure, starring John Mills. **2.35** Film: None But the Brave. (1965) Second World War adventure, starring Frank Sinatra. **4.15** Cats v Dogs: Which Is Best? (R) **5.15** Flog It! (R) **6.15** Ski Sunday. Including action from the men's World Cup downhill competition in Jeongseon, South Korea, which is set to be one of the host venues at the 2018 Winter Olympics. **7.00** Six Nations Rugby Union. John Inverdale presents action from the opening round of the 2016 championship, featuring Scotland v England at Murrayfield, Ireland v Wales at the Aviva Stadium and France v Italy at the Stade de France. All of the nations were playing their first matches since last year's World Cup, with France and England aiming to impress under new coaches after disappointing in that tournament. With analysis by Keith Wood, Martyn Williams and Jeremy Guscott. **8.00** Greece with Simon Reeve. Part one of two. The presenter takes a tour of Greece, travelling from the islands of the Aegean to Athens and learning how the Greek people are coping with their country's crises. **9.00** James May's Cars of the People. James looks into some of the planned new directions in motoring that never caught on, driving an amphibious car and an electric scooter, and taking a ride in a driverless car. Last in the series. **10.00** Patrick Kielty's Mulholland Drive. A journey to find the truth about William Mulholland, who was responsible for building Los Angeles' water infrastructure and providing a water supply that allowed the city to grow. (R) **10.50** American Football: Super Bowl 50. Denver Broncos v Carolina Panthers (Kick-off 11.30pm). Live coverage of the 50th staging of the showpiece event. **3.30** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **4.30** Holby City. (R) **5.30** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITY: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bear: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. **8.30** Scrambled!: Bear Grylls Survival School. **9.05** Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **9.25** FIA Formula E Championship. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.20** ITV News: Weather. **12.30** Off Their Rockers. (R) **1.00** Ninja Warrior UK. (R) **2.00** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Ireland v Wales (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.15** Catchphrase. (R) **6.00** Regional Programme: Weather. **6.15** ITV News: Weather. **6.30** Planet's Got Talent. Featuring a human cannonball, a high-wire motorbike display, a whip-cracking cowboy, a death-defying acrobat and a performer who slices flying fruit. Narrated by Warwick Davis. **7.00** Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands. Slean's intended bride arrives in Herot, but his mind is elsewhere as he is torn between his loyalty to his mother and his own lust for power. **8.00** Vera. The detective investigates the discovery of a young man's body in an area notorious for illicit teenage gatherings, the corpse wrapped in plastic sheeting and having received a blow to the head. Vera follows the trail to a funeral where the victim used to work and a church where he sought refuge, having recently been made homeless. She delves into his family history to discover why he was on the streets when his parents lived nearby, while forensic evidence implicates the son of the vicar, who has a criminal past. **10.00** ITV News: Weather. **10.15** Rookies. Documentary filmed over the course of a year following trainee police officers from the Lincolnshire force, charting their progress as they venture out onto the streets. (R) **11.15** Premiership Rugby Union. Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman present action from the 11th round of fixtures. **12.10** Jackpot247. **3.00** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.40 The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** The King of Queens. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **2.35** Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel. (2009) Comedy, starring Zachary Levi. **4.15** The Simpsons. (R) **4.45** The Simpsons. (R) **5.15** Channel 4 News. **5.35** Film: X-Men. (2000) Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Hugh Jackman. **7.30** The Jump. Davina McCall presents the second round of the celebrity winter sports challenge. The 11 remaining contestants compete in a Snow Cross event, with the losers of each race having to face a super-sized ski jump to determine which of them will be eliminated from the contest. **9.00** Deutschland 83. Moritz recuperates after the transplant, and decides to remain at home. However, both Annett and Schweppensstette are adamant that he must return to his assignment in the West. Alex Edel takes General Jackson hostage and forces him to denounce military plans in Western Europe. In German. **10.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Sean Lock and Izy Suttie compete against Jon Richardson and Richard Osman in the words-and-numbers quiz, while Alex Horne and the Horne Section help out in Dictionary Corner. (R) **11.05** Film: Alien 3. (1992) Officer Ripley is marooned on an all-male prison planet, where she again faces her extraterrestrial arch-enemy. Sci-fi thriller sequel, with Sigourney Weaver. **1.05** Embarrassing Bodies: Back to the Clinic. The doctors invite back some of their most memorable patients, including a woman who visited because of excess hair on her face and body. (R) **2.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. The property expert helps homeowners in Leeds, including a man struggling to sell his three-bedroom semi, and a woman whose dated bungalow is not attracting buyers. (R) **5.10** Deal or No Deal. Players try to beat the banker and guess the contents of mystery boxes, and could double their winnings with box 23 – if they are brave enough to buy it with what they have won. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.45** Ticky Toc. (R) **6.55** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.25** Pavarotti. (R) **7.40** Little Princess. (R) **7.50** Pip Ahoy! (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.50** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **9.05** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.20** Jelly Jam. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** The Championship: Football League Tonight. (R) **11.30** Goal Roast: Football League Tonight. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.55** Film: My Favorite Martian. (1999) Sci-fi comedy, starring Christopher Lloyd. **3.40** Film: Three Men and a Little Lady. (1990) Comedy sequel, starring Tom Selleck. **5.35** 5 News Weekend. **6.40** Film: Little Nicky. (2000) Comedy fantasy, starring Adam Sandler. **7.25** Film: Zoolander. (2001) Dim male model Derek Zoolander is stunned to find his career going downhill thanks to the arrival of an equally vacuous rival – but fails to realise he is merely a pawn in a dangerous game of international espionage and world domination. Comedy, starring Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, Will Ferrell, Mila Jovovich, Christine Taylor and David Duchovny. Edited for sexual content and language. **9.00** Film: The Internship. (2013) Premiere. Two old-fashioned salesmen find their careers derailed by changes in technology. They nevertheless manage to get internships at an internet company, but face a battle to come to terms with modern business methods, while competing against younger rivals. Comedy, starring Vince Vaughn, Owen Wilson and Rose Byrne. **11.15** Film: The Green Hornet. (2011) A playboy media-mogul becomes a masked crime-fighter, with the help of his kung fu expert chauffeur. Comic-book adventure, starring Seth Rogen, Jay Chou and Cameron Diaz. **1.25** SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** America's Hidden Pyramid City: Ancient Mysteries. The rise and fall of a Native American civilisation. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth **7.10** Great TV Mistakes **7.40** The Voice UK **9.00** Film: Meet the Fockers (2004) **10.50** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.15** Family Guy **12.35** Cuckoo **3.25** Cuckoo Christmas Special **4.00** Close
BBC Four
7.00 Montalbano and Me: Andrea Camilleri **7.50** Britain's Wild Places **8.00** Russia's Lost Princesses **9.00** Film: Palio (2015) **10.30** History of the Eagles **12.30** TutanKhamun: The Truth Uncovered **1.30** Rock 'n' Roll America **2.30** Sounds of the Eighties **2.55** Totally British: 70s Rock 'n' Roll **3.55** Close
ITV2
11.35 Take Me Out **12.55** Take Me Out – The Gossip **2.00** Grease: Live **4.55** Minion Madness **5.10** Film: Despicable Me (2010) **7.00** Film: Legally Blonde (2001) **9.00** Ibiza Weekend **10.00** Film: American Pie: The Wedding (2003) **11.55** Film: Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008) **2.00** Planet's Funniest Animals **2.25** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3
11.25 Film: Columbo: It's All in the Game (1993) **1.30** The Return of Sherlock Holmes **2.45** The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes **3.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.55** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Bargain Round Britain with John Sergeant **9.00** Caroline Quentin's National Parks **10.00** Rock 'n' Roll America **2.30** Sounds of the Eighties **2.55** Totally British: 70s Rock 'n' Roll **3.45** Heartbeat **5.25** Judge Judy
ITV4
3.35 Counting Cars **2.25** The Classic Car Show **3.30** Film: No Name on the Bullet (1959) **5.10** Film: Dunkirk (1958) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: Nighthawks (1981) **11.05** Film: Apocalypse Now (1979) **2.05** Ax Men **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
2.30 Film: School of Rock (2003) **4.45** Ride (ish) Tube Shorts **5.00** The Goldenbros **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Tattoo Fixers **11.00** The Rude Tube **12.05** The Inbetweeners **1.15** The IT Crowd **2.15** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.00** Don't Trust the B**** in Apartment 23
Film4
11.00 Destination Gobi (1953) **1.00** Step Up (2006) **3.15** Bugsy Malone (1976) **5.05** First Daughter (2004) **7.15** Airplane! (1980) **9.00** Patriot Games (1992) **11.15** Under Siege 2: Dark Territory (1995)

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Hannibal, Channel 5, 10.55pm
Fugitive serial killer Dr Hannibal Lecter has gone into hiding as an academic in Italy, but a disfigured victim is determined to find him and inflict a gruesome revenge. Ridley Scott's thriller sequel, starring Anthony Hopkins, Julianne Moore and Ray Liotta. (2001)

TUESDAY

A Surrogate's Terror, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A college student agrees to be a surrogate mother for a wealthy couple in return for her tuition fees being paid, only for the prospective parents to die in a car crash. Drama, starring Cassie Steele. (2014)

WEDNESDAY

Michael Clayton, BBC1, 11.45pm
A troubled attorney takes over a high-profile case when a colleague suffers a nervous breakdown and threatens to blow the whistle on corporate corruption. However, as he tries to limit the damage, he uncovers damning proof that will expose a secret group of conspirators – who are prepared to commit murder to keep the evidence buried. Legal thriller, starring George Clooney and Tom Wilkinson. (2007)



Michael Clayton, Wednesday, BBC1, 11.45pm

THURSDAY

Guilty at 17, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A teenager believes her friend when she lies about being sexually harassed by a teacher, and falsely claims to have witnessed an incident. When the accused teacher commits suicide, she is consumed with guilt and begins to suspect she has been deceived. Crime drama, starring Erin Sanders and Alex Paxton-Beesley. (2014)

FRIDAY

Evil Under the Sun, ITV, 11.15pm
Hercule Poirot braves the heat and sand to investigate the murder of a glamorous stage star on an idyllic Adriatic holiday island. It becomes clear many people had reason to want the temperamental actress dead and the Belgian sleuth is soon hard at work figuring out which of her enemies eventually managed to kill her. Mystery, with Peter Ustinov, Diana Rigg, James Mason, Maggie Smith and Jane Birkin. (1982)

Mulder and Scully are reopening their files

It could be a case for Mulder and Scully – whatever happened to the top-rated sci-fi series and its characters when it went off air for 14 years? Thankfully, we're about to find out because The X-Files is back.

Even the most die-hard of fans (and let's face it, there were plenty of those around during the show's original run, from 1993 to 2002) never thought they'd get to see their heroes in action again, and have been almost beside themselves with glee at the prospect since the reboot was announced.

Not that bringing back much-loved cult series is a rarity these days. Doctor Who made a triumphant return, nine years after he last featured in the lacklustre 1996 film, while Twin Peaks is set to appear on our screens in 2017 following a 26-year hiatus.

Both David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson have agreed to reprise their roles as FBI agents Fox Mulder and Dana Scully – it just wouldn't have been the same without them.

Both stars have enjoyed success in various projects following the end of

the original series, with Anderson particularly familiar to UK viewers thanks to her appearance on TV in the likes of The Fall, Great Expectations, The Crimson Petal and the White, and the recent adaptation of War and Peace.

They will be joined by various other original run alumni, including Mitch Pileggi as the FBI's assistance director Walter Skinner, and William B Davis, who plays the enigmatic Smoking Man.

What surprised many is that Channel 5 outbid other broadcasters to grab the right to show the six-part run. "Securing the UK premiere of the hugely anticipated return of The X-Files is a major coup for the channel and will create one of the television events of 2016," said Ben Frow, director of programmes at Channel 5. "This acquisition underlines our ambition to deliver a diverse slate of brilliant, must-see programming on Channel 5."

So far, feedback has been very good. Okay, so some critics have been unkind, but fans – and they are the ones who are important here –

have given it an overwhelming thumbs-up.

What's more, the first episode features a recap that will be invaluable to casual viewers, or those who didn't watch the original run or either of its spin-off movies. After that, it's the monster-of-the-week approach that takes centre stage as Mulder and Scully get to grips with more intrigue and conspiracy.

When we meet them again, the duo have been living separate lives for years – she at a medical practice, him ploughing his own furrow. They are brought back together by a cable TV host who wants them to help him expose a sinister organisation he believes has the power to control the American public.

Channel 5 is also broadcasting The X-Files: Reopened immediately before the first edition, enabling fans to see behind-the-scenes footage of Duchovny and Anderson in action with the show's creator, Chris Carter.

Will the programme's return whet our appetite for more? Probably – the question is, will it ever be sated?



Gillian Anderson and David Duchovny star in The X-Files, Monday, Channel 5, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking BBC2, 8.30pm

The Great British Bake Off judge prepares a selection of dishes perfect for outdoor entertaining and lazy summer days, beginning with a whole seabass with lime and dill butter. Mary then meets experts Jules and Nick to have a go at catching crayfish in the waters of Oxfordshire, before using the crustaceans in an oriental vegetable salad. She then demonstrates simple recipes for lamb burgers with mint mayo, and smoked Texan chicken wings, and finishes with refreshing lemon and elderflower jellies.

Royal Navy Sailor School Channel 4, 9pm

New series. Documentary following two classes of new Royal Navy recruits as they start their training at HMS Raleigh in Torpoint, Cornwall. In the first episode, a fresh intake arrives at HMS Raleigh to begin 10 weeks of training, the first two of which can make or break their career. Exhaustion and homesickness leave teenager Harland questioning if this life is really for him, while the eldest member Craig Rowan (32) sees this as his last chance to make something of himself and his instructors think he might be leadership material.

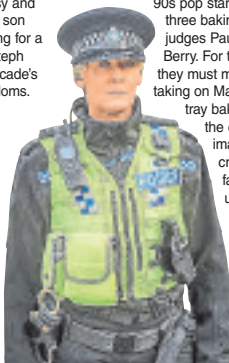
TUESDAY

Back in Time for the Weekend BBC2, 8pm

The Ashby-Hawkins family sample life in the 1960s and with more money to go around, there's more fun to be had, including a trip to the seaside, a Dansette record player for 16-year-old Daisy and even their own Mini to enjoy. Dad Rob and son Seth take on football legend Trevor Brooking for a game of Subbuteo, and Daisy and mum Steph meet Sandie Shaw to discover how the decade's daring fashions reflected the growing freedoms.

Happy Valley BBC1, 9pm

The last time we saw Sgt Catherine Cawood, she was feeling pretty good about catching her nemesis, Tommy Lee Royce, the man she holds responsible for her daughter's suicide. You would think, then, that she would be cheerier when we catch up with her again, almost two years later. However, Catherine is the sort of woman who carries the world on her shoulders – besides which, she's about to make a very grisly discovery, one that makes her colleagues wonder if a serial killer is on the loose.



Happy Valley, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

WEDNESDAY

The Great Sport Relief Bake Off BBC1, 8pm

Ed Byrne takes on the role of host as ex-Spice Girl Geri Horner, BBC World Affairs editor John Simpson, footballer and pundit Jermaine Jenas and 90s pop star Louise Redknapp face three baking-related tasks set by judges Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry. For the signature challenge, they must make savoury tarts, before taking on Mary's chocolate and beetroot tray bake in the technical. Finally, the celebrities must use their imagination as they attempt to create 3D models of their favourite sporting moments using biscuits.

THURSDAY

Jericho ITV, 9pm
Charles arranges for stone to be quarried from a nearby site, and panic sets in for Annie and Johnny when they

discover it is where the bodies of Happy Jack and Red are buried. The townsfolk are outraged at the thought of their old foreman's body being moved and rally round his widow Hatty, but she is won over by the promise of a decent headstone for his new grave, so Johnny takes charge of the exhumation, hoping he can prevent Red's body being discovered. Meanwhile, Isabella tells Charles she wants to be his wife in every sense, but when housemaid Epiphany lets something slip about her past, no one is prepared for the consequences.

FRIDAY Mr Selfridge ITV, 9pm

Reeling from the bad publicity after the assault on the store, Harry finds himself forced to admit the true state of his financial affairs when Dancona piles on more pressure, and later finds himself embroiled in a costly spat with media magnate Lord Wynnstay. Mr Grove and Miss Mardle plan their very special forthcoming event, and Meryl enlists Tilly's help for a very important task – fuelling Miss Ellis' ire in the process. Mae and Victor grow closer, leaving Jimmy to become increasingly jealous. Drama, starring Jeremy Piven, Katherine Kelly, Amanda Abbington and Tom Goodman-Hill.



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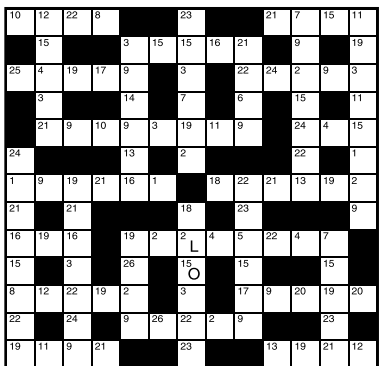
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



1	14
2	15
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

O	C	Z	T	V	N	P	U	D	Y	E	G	M
X	Q	I	L	A	F	K	W	J	B	R	S	H

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

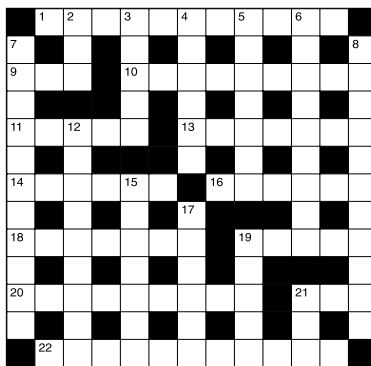
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- They show you what you can get with money (4-7)
- She's always cut short (3)
- The local newspaper made him redundant (4-5)
- Silas is out to be of use to a ropemaker (5)
- One object in rent is investment (7)
- Their function is to secure quiet in class (6)
- Government upsets the emigre (6)
- Number return with piece of writing for broadcasting? (7)
- Horse stepped very softly out (5)
- Scramble at the pig's food (9)
- A tie in an archery contest? (3)
- Get straight an argument with privileges (3,2,6)

Down

- Weed-killer (3)
- Floral plate design (5)
- In part of a hospital - mental, perhaps (6)
- Refuse to go through all the cases? (7)
- One result of juicy pickings (5,4)
- A deep malady (3-8)
- Put on to paper, Chinese style? (7,4)
- Hardly the speed at which a tramp will walk! (5,4)
- He foresees a hold-up over the reform (7)
- He might make a streak on the ice (6)
- A weapon attached to a rifle, perhaps (5)
- Part - of the bridle? (3)



Quick Clues:

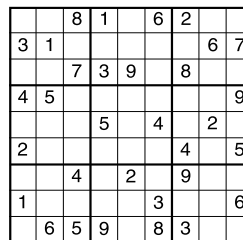
Across

- Golden mean (5,6)
- Wand (3)
- Gazette (9)
- Horrify (5)
- Shyness (7)
- Regular (6)
- Fasten (6)
- Personal (7)
- Broaden (5)
- Get rid of (9)
- Unity (3)
- Enterprise (11)

Down

- Help (3)
- Punitive (5)
- Grass-cutters (6)
- Put (7)
- Advantage (5,4)
- Sister's grandson (5-6)
- Sceptic (11)
- Utter ruin (9)
- Greed (7)
- Leave (6)
- Destroy (5)
- Possess (3)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

4	1	5	8	2	3	6	7	9
6	3	9	4	7	1	8	5	2
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9	6	1	2	4	5	3	8	7
5	8	4	3	9	7	1	2	6

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Back; 3 Theatres; 9 Adorned; 10 Quote; 11 Discountable; 13 Strive; 15 Unison; 17 Counteragent; 20 Olive; 21 Accused; 22 Eighteen; 23 Play. Down: 1 Brandish; 2 Cross; 4 Hiding; 5 Acquaintance; 6 Rootless; 7 Slew; 8 Inconvenient; 12 Unitedly; 14 Roofing; 16 Menace; 18 Ease; 19 Bore. QUICK - Across: 1 Pick; 3 Sorcerer; 9 Ordinal; 10 Nasal; 11 In the interim; 13 Impale; 15 Speech; 17 Congratulate; 20 Ashen; 21 Founded; 22 Fatherly; 23 Reed. Down: 1 Prolific; 2 Cadet; 4 Oblong; 5 Contemptuous; 6 Respite; 7 Rule; 8 Intelligence; 12 Shielded; 14 Prophet; 16 Lawful; 18 Adieu; 19 Waif.

Thinking space

Quiz

- In which country is the state of Uttar Pradesh?
- Who directed the film Jules et Jim?
- What sort of animal is a tarpon?
- What nationality is the avant-garde composer Karlheinz Stockhausen?
- Which physicist discovered alpha, beta and gamma rays?
- What is the capital of Haiti?
- Which king constructed the Hanging Gardens of Babylon?
- In which century did the poet John Milton live?
- What is the symbol used for the element magnesium?
- In which year did the actor Steve McQueen die?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Thermos; 2 The Marshall Plan; 3

Tennessee; 4 Actress; 5 The helmet;

6 Mace; 7 Telescope; 8 Miles Davis;

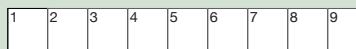
9 Kurt Waldheim; 10 1856.

Niner: INCURABLE

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

1225 gives an animal,
324 gives a vegetable,
9548762 gives a mineral.



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Beef it up – linguine al brasato



Restaurant in a canalside setting



Light and space – The interior of Fiume is bright and breezy



Tempting tower – pollo saltimbocca

Forget new flavour of Pringles this is something to really get excited about

I GET excited very easily. I get excited when a new flavour of Pringles is unveiled

But when I found out that there is an Italian restaurant within walking distance of my flat – a long walk, admittedly – I got very excited. Taxi, take me to Fiume!

Fiume is in a lovely little spot. A canal-side restaurant in Compton spread over two floors. It's clean, bright, in a location that cries out for summer lunches in the sun, and staffed by an attentive team who make a fuss of you as soon as you arrive.

Your meal is soundtrack by a mixture of opera and mambo, set at a volume that does not intrude but instead actually rather soothes. So all we need now is some decent nosh and it is, as the saying goes, all gravy. Not literally all gravy, that would be a bit boring.

I must confess that I had decided that I

Pete Cashmore tucks in

liked Fiume even before I arrived. I absolutely adore Italian grub at any time, I'd live on it if I could, and when you have two of my favourite things – seafood and calzone pizzas – combined and thrown into the mix, then really, you're onto a winner.

Portions

Even better, they do something that I love in my Italians – they offer starter-sized portions of pasta to get the ball rolling, meaning you can, in theory, do pasta and pizza together and still come away not feeling like the Goodyear airship.

So that is what I resolved to do, for the diddy-sized (although there was nothing especially diddy about it) spaghetti carbonara, and then that calzone. Elsewhere in the table, my fellow diners, codenames 'Mum'

and 'Dad', went for crespella di funghi, Italian crepe stuffed with mushrooms, followed by pollo saltimbocca, chicken wrapped in parma ham with mash, and calamari followed by linguine with a duck ragu, respectively.

I'm not one for competitive eating, but I like to think that I 'won' this meal. It really was a rip-snorter. Spaghetti carbonara is a dish that can often go wrong – it can be too creamy, it can be too eggy, it can contain rosey ham, all factors which can ruin what should be an indulgent dish.

No such worries at Fiume. Chunky pancetta, tart parmesan, just the right amount of creaminess and egginess.

The calzone did exactly what I expected of it. I believe I spotted prawn, squid and octopus in there. It was terrific fun to wrestle with. Elsewhere on the table my father pronounced himself thrilled with the calamari,

which came in a monster portion of great big rubbery rings and looked great, but seemed merely satisfied with his pasta – I didn't grill him on it excessively because he took about half an hour to polish it off and to ask him to talk would have exacerbated this process.

Delightful

Mother, meanwhile, seemed more than happy with both starter and main. A couple of coffees for the parents while I polished off another bottle of beer, and an entirely delightful eat-up was in the bag for £74, which is not too shabby.

Fiume really have got everything right – the attractive location, the attention levels of the staff, which is warm and just the right amount of fussy, and a menu that offers a wide choice.

I'd go back there in a heartbeat.

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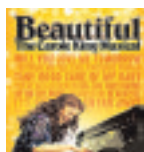
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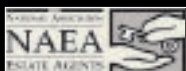
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LITTLEWORTH ROAD






- Detached Bungalow
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Guest W.C.
- Bathroom
- Field views
- Cul-de-sac
- No Chain

\$280,000

GREAT WYRLEY
GORSEY LANE






- 3 Storey Family Home
- Through Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Guest W.C.
- 3 Bedrooms, En-Suite
- Bathroom
- Garage, Gardens

\$170,000

GREAT WYRLEY
BROADMEADOW LANE






- Detached House
- Porch, Entrance Hallway
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Dining Room, Conservatory
- Sitting Area/Snug
- Study/Bed 4
- Refitted Bathroom
- Four Beds
- Refitted Shower Room
- Store Room/Workshop

\$269,950

HUNTINGTON
COLLIERS WAY






- 6 BEDROOM DETACHED
- COMPETITIVELY PRICED
- Through Hallway, Guest WC
- Lounge, Dining kitchen
- Conservatory, 2 Bathrooms
- En-suite, Det. garage
- Private driveway

\$269,950

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
ANSON ROAD






- Terraced House
- Entrance Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen / Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Re Fitted Bathroom
- Gardens
- Private driveway
- Must be Viewed

\$125,000

HEDNESFORD
COPPERMILL CLOSE






- Detached Bungalow
- Reception Hallway
- Lounge/ Diner
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Gardens

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£400,000

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Executive Four Bedroom Detached Family Home / Good Sized Corner Plot / Quiet Sought After Cul-De-Sac / Four Double Bedrooms / Double Garage / Good Sized Rear Garden

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Chester Road
RUGELEY



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Richardson Way
RUGELEY



Four Bedroom Detached House / Spacious Reception Rooms & Bedrooms / Open Plan Dining Kitchen / Good Sized Private Rear Garden Not Overlooked / Two En-Suites Plus Family Bathroom &

£245,000

Watermint Close
WIMBLEDY



Four Bedroom Detached House / Quiet Cul-De-Sac Overlooking Large Pond / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation / Modern Kitchen With Breakfast Room / Driveway With Ample Parking

£230,000

Purcell Close
HEATH HAYES



Four Bedroom Semi Detached House / Unique Design / Four Large Double Bedrooms / Integral Tandem Garage / Modern Open Plan Dining Kitchen / Spacious Lounge

Offers in Excess of £210,000

Grouse Way
HEATH HAYES



Three bedroom detached house / Within sought after modern development / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / Private rear garden with decking area / Parking for up to three vehicles

£200,000

Bellamour Way
RUGELEY



Two Bedroom Semi Detached Cottage / Tastefully Decorated & Renovated To A Good Standard Throughout / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation / NO ONWARD CHAIN

£200,000

Rishworth Avenue
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Fremantle Drive
WIMBLEDY



Modern three bedroom semi-detached house / Off road parking for three vehicles / large conservatory to rear / Cul-de-sac location

£180,000

Westbourne Avenue
CHESLYN HAY



Three Bedroom Semi Detached Dormer Style Property / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation / Victorian Conservatory / Private Rear Garden - Not Overlooked

£175,000

Pheasant Way
HEATH HAYES



Three Bedroom Mid Terraced Town House / Set Over Three Storeys / Sought After Area With Pleasant Green To Front / Finished To A Good Modern Standard / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation

Offers in Excess of £170,000

Grouse Way
HEATH HAYES



Three Bedroom Semi Detached House / Spacious Lounge-Diner / Modern Breakfast Kitchen / En-Suite To Master Bedroom / Private Rear Garden / Driveway For Three Vehicles.

Offers in Excess of £170,000

Partridge Close
HEATH HAYES



Three bedroom detached house / Set over three floors within sought after modern development / South facing private rear garden with decking area / Parking for two vehicles plus garage

Offers in Excess of £160,000

Cannock Road
HEATH HAYES



Three bedroom semi detached house / Complete rewiring in last five years / Good sized long drive to front / Plenty of off-road parking / Adjoining garage / Front & rear gardens

£160,000

Cannock Road
HEATH HAYES



Two Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Spacious Lounge-Diner & Reception Conservatory / Driveway With Ample Parking / Large Private Rear Garden

Offers in Excess of £160,000

Barn Way
WIMBLEDY



Three Bedroom Mid Terraced House / Spacious Lounge / Three Double Bedrooms / Modern Fitted Breakfast Kitchen & Bathroom / Private Secluded Rear Garden

Offers in the Region Of £159,950

The Crescent
GREAT WYRLEY



Three Bedroom Semi Detached House / Large Plot Approx 625 Square Meters / Open Plan Kitchen With Separate Dining Area / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation

£155,000

Burgoyne Street
CANNOCK



Three Bedroom Semi Detached House / Large Rear Garden With The Potential To Develop Subject To Planning Laws / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation

£155,000

Ascot Drive
CANNOCK



Three Bedroom Semi Detached House / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation / Driveway For Two Vehicles / Finished To A Good Modern Standard

£145,000

Ascot Drive
CANNOCK



Well presented two bedroom semi detached house / Set on large corner plot / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Double garage / Modern fitted bathroom / Parking for several vehicles

£145,000

Ascot Drive
CANNOCK



Three bedroom semi detached house / Situated in quiet residential area / Modern new fitted kitchen / Oversized garage / Driveway with ample parking / Private rear garden

£145,000

Littleworth Road
HEDNESFORD



Two Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow / Large Plot / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation / Front And Rear Driveways With Parking For Several Vehicles / Good Sized Private Rear Garden

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Chetwynd Park
RAWNSLEY



Three Bedroom Semi Detached House / Quiet Cul-De-Sac / Spacious Reception Rooms & Bedrooms / Good Sized Private Rear Garden / Semi Rural Location Close To Cannock Chase

Offers in Excess of £140,000

Lockside View
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Immaculately Presented Two Bedroom Semi-Detached House / UPVC Conservatory / Open Plan Dining Kitchen / Well Maintained Private Landscaped Rear Garden

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Avon Road
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Two Bedroom Semi Detached House / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Spacious Open Plan Lounge-Diner / Victorian Conservatory

£135,000

Bond Way
HEDNESFORD



Two Bedroom Semi Detached House / Modern Breakfast Kitchen & Bathroom / Spacious Lounge / Private Tiered Rear Garden / Driveway For Two Vehicles

£135,000

Oaken Hurst Avenue
RUGELEY



Two Bedroom Semi-Detached House / Popular Hawksway Development / Spacious Lounge / Modern Kitchen & Bathroom / Allocated Parking

£133,500

Ascot Drive
CANNOCK



Two Bedroom Semi-Detached House / Good Sized Corner Plot / Popular Residential Area / Large Open Plan Kitchen-Diner / Good Sized Private Rear Garden

£130,000

Stratford Way
HEDNESFORD



Extended two bedroom semi detached house / Situated in quiet location / Spacious lounge diner / Tandem length garage / Private low maintenance rear garden / Driveway with ample parking

£130,000

Pye Green Road
CANNOCK



Three Bedroom Semi Detached House / Spacious Lounge / Open Plan Kitchen-Diner / Good Sized Private Rear Garden / Modern Fitted Bathroom / Good Sized Private Rear Garden

Offers in the Region Of £130,000

Red Lion Lane
NORTON CANES



Three Bedroom Semi-Detached House / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation / Victorian Conservatory / Excellent Commuter Links M6 Toll Nearby

£125,000

Odin Close
CANNOCK



Two Bedroom Semi Detached House / Good Sized Corner Plot / Spacious Lounge & Open Plan Kitchen-Diner / Two Double Bedrooms / Private Rear Garden - Not Overlooked

£122,500

Wimblebury Road
HEATH HAYES



Two Bedroom Mid Terraced House / Modern Gallery Style Kitchen / Views Of Open Fields To The Front & Woodland To The Rear / Underfloor Heating

Offers in the Region Of £119,950

Bevan Lee Road
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£118,000

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Two Bedroom Penthouse Apartment / Finished To A High Standard Throughout / Open Plan Living Area / Modern High Spec Kitchen-Diner / Two Double bedrooms

Offers in the Region Of £107,950

Dorney Place
CANNOCK



Immaculately Presented Top Floor Apartment / Contemporary Open Plan Layout / Modern Fitted Kitchen / Allocated & Visitor Parking / Juliet Balcony

Offers in Excess of £100,000

Apple Walk
HEATH HAYES



Two Bedroom Top Floor Apartment / Investors Only / Currently Tenanted With Good Long Term Tenant / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Good Rental Income Of £450 PCM / Allocated & Visitor Parking

Offers in Excess of £80,000

Wimblebury Road
HEATH HAYES



Three Bedroom End Terrace House / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Semi Rural Location / For Sale By Modern Method Of Auction / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation

Auction Guide Price £80,000

Greig Court
HEATH HAYES



One Bedroom First Floor Apartment / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Refurbished To A Good Standard / Double Bedroom / Ideal For First Time Buyer's & Investors

Offers in Excess of £80,000

Herondale
HEDNESFORD



One bedroom ground floor maisonette / Ideal for first time buyers & investors / Modern kitchen & bathroom / Good size lounge-diner & double bedroom

£78,000

Herondale
HEDNESFORD



One bedroom first floor apartment / Ideal for first time buyers & investors / Spacious lounge diner / Modern kitchen & double bedroom / Allocated parking

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- Improved to a high standard
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- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Driveway, Garage & Gardens

£255,000



SOLD
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Longford Road, Cannock

- Traditional Detached Home
- Sought After Location
- Massive Potential
- No Chain
- Three Bedrooms
- Driveway, Carport & Gardens

Offers Over £180,000



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Corsican Drive, Hednesford

- OPEN DAY Sat 12pm - 2pm
- Sought After Location
- Impressive Accommodation
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- Dining Kitchen
- Gardens, Garage & Drive

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- Four Bedrooms
- Ensuite & Family Bathroom
- Spacious Living Room
- Open Plan Kitchen/ Dining Room
- Easy Access To M6/A34
- Must Be Viewed

£375,000



Dartmouth Avenue, Cannock

- Exquisite Detached Bungalow
- Comprehensively Refurbished
- Delightful Accommodation
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Garage, Landscaped Garden
- EPC - C Viewing Essential

£349,950



Strathmore Place, Cannock

- Exquisite Detached Bungalow
- Desirable Location
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Stunning Dining Kitchen
- Comprehensively Improved
- Call Now For A Viewing
- Spacious Accommodation
- No Chain

£300,000



Dartmouth Avenue, Cannock

- Idyllic Family Home
- Charming Accommodation
- Stunning Kitchen & Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Gardens, Drive & Garage
- (EPC - D)
- Close To Town Centre
- Corner Plot

£269,950



Newlands Lane, Heath Hayes

- Charming Family Residence
- Superb Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite & Bathroom
- Detached Garage
- Landscaped Garden
- Quiet Popular Location

£255,000



Blackthorn Crescent, Hazelslade

- Two Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Large Lounge
- Conservatory
- Detached Garage
- Must Be Viewed

£165,000



Tudor Road, Hednesford

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Delightful Accommodation
- Comprehensively Refurbished
- Two Bedrooms
- No Chain Involved
- Garage, Landscaped Garden
- EPC - D Viewing Essential

£164,950



Chalfont Avenue, Cannock

- Three Bedroom Town House
- Generously proportioned
- Driveway, garage & garden.
- Convenient Location.
- Existing tenant in Residence.
- Ideal Buy To Let
- No Upward Chain

£125,000



Belt Road, Hednesford

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking & Garage
- Large Lounge/Diner
- Upstairs Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- IDEAL BUY TO LET
- Currently Tenanted at £525pcm

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- Five Bedrooms
- 2 En-Suites
- Corner Plot with Open Aspect
- EPC - D
- Viewing Essential

£328,500



Bideford Way, Cannock

- Stunning Family Home
- Five Large Bedrooms
- Immaculate Kitchen
- Ensuite & Bathroom
- Large L-Shape Garden
- Popular Residential Area
- Must Be Viewed

£300,000



Bideford Way, Cannock

- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite & Bathroom
- Large Living/Dining Room
- Master Bedroom & Ensuite
- Family Bathroom
- Must Be Viewed

£290,000



Short Street, Cannock

- Delightful Detached Home
- Extended and Improved
- Four Bedrooms,
- Standing On Corner Plot
- Gas C/H & Double Glazing
- Detached Double Garage
- EPC - Tbc Viewing Essential

£227,950



Belt Road, Hednesford

- Family Sized Bungalow
- Superb Accommodation
- Substantial Plot
- Three Bedrooms
- Potential for Development
- Driveway, Garage & Gardens
- EPC - D
- Must Be Viewed

£215,000



Heath Street, Hednesford

- Delightful Family Residence
- Improved Accommodation
- Three / Four Bedrooms
- Corner Plot & Double Garage
- Impressive Aspect
- EPC - (E) Viewing Essential

£215,000

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Butts Way, Norton Canes

- Semi Detached Home
- Popular Location
- Impressive Accommodation
- Three Bedrooms

- Attractive Gardens & Garage
- EPC - D. No Chain

Offers Over £130,000



Remington Drive, Cannock

- Two Bedrooms
- Retirement Bungalow
- Lounge/Diner
- Shower Room

- Gas Central Heating
- No Chain Involved
- Parking Space

£109,950



Ascot Drive, Cannock

- Two Bedroom Semi
- Modern Kitchen
- Stylish Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room

- Brick Built Stores
- Block Paved Drive
- Enclosed Rear Garden

£129,950



Cliff Close, Willenhall

- Three Bedrooms
- Waterside Frontage
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge

- Downstairs WC
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- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
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- Impressive Refitted Kitchen Diner
- Stylish Refitted Upstairs Bathroom
- EPC = C



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Offers around
£140,000

The Brambles Norton Canes

- Modern Terraced House
- Two Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Living Room/Diner
- Allocated Parking
- EPC = TBA



New!

Offers around
£130,000

Revival Street Bloxwich

- Traditional End Of Terrace House
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- EPC = TBA



New!

Offers around
£95,000

Price Street Cannock



£44,750

- Over 55's
- One Bedroom
- Spacious Apartment
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazed
- EPC = C

The Poplars Cannock

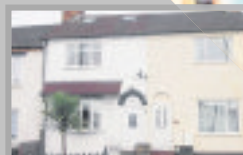
- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Living Room/Diner
- Designated Parking
- EPC = D



Offers around
£120,000

Church Hill Hednesford

- Three Bedroom Traditional Terraced
- Dining Kitchen
- Living Room
- Loft Room
- Separate Garage
- EPC = TBA



Offers around
£127,950

Langholm Drive Heath Hayes



£124,995

- Ideal Starter Home
- Two Bed Semi Detached
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Rear Garden
- Forecourt Parking
- EPC = D

Ascot Drive Cannock



£135,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Kitchen With Dining Area
- Lounge
- Off Road Parking To Front
- Convenient Access To Town
- EPC = D

Burgoyne Street Hednesford



£155,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Lounge Diner
- Downstairs WC
- Large Rear Garden
- Garage
- EPC = D

Mill Crescent Heath Hayes



NEW PRICE!

Offers around **£185,000**

This well presented detached house is situated in Heath Hayes and offers excellent family accommodation. Having been maintained to a very high standard, the accommodation comprises: entrance hall, fitted kitchen, 'L' shaped living room/diner, conservatory and integral garage to the ground floor. The first floor provides master bedroom with en suite, two further bedrooms and family bathroom. The corner plot means the gardens are of a great size and extend to the front rear and side. A driveway offers further appeal and makes this home truly worthy of viewing. EPC = TBA

Ford Way Rugeley



£165,000

- Ideal Family Home
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Kitchen Opening To Conservatory
- Lounge & Study
- Off Road Parking & Garage
- EPC = D

Cowley Green Hednesford



£159,999

- Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Refitted Wet Room
- Conservatory
- Driveway With Ample Parking
- EPC = D

Robins Croft Heath Hayes

- Four Bedroom Detached Home
- Popular Residential Estate
- Dining Room, Kitchen
- Utility, Guest WC
- Garage & Parking
- EPC = TBA



Spotlight!
Featured Property

Offers around
£225,000

Strathmore Place Cannock

- Cul-de-Sac location
- Three Bed Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- EPC = TBA



Spotlight!
Featured Property

Offers around
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Midhurst Drive Hednesford

- Auction T & C Apply
- 4 Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Versatile sitting room
- Parking to front
- Investment Opportunity
- EPC = TBA



AUCTION
For sale by Auction

Guide price
£125,000

Beech Grove Cannock



- Guide price **£75,000**
- Auction T&c Apply
- 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Parking to front
- Gardens to Front & Rear
- Investment Opportunity
- EPC = D

Marsh Lane Fordhouses



- Guide price **£100,000**
- Bay Fronted Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- C/H & D/G
- Upstairs Bathroom
- EPC = E

Gorsemoor Road Heath Hayes

- Auction T&C's Apply
- Two Bed Semi Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen & Utility
- Garden to Rear
- EPC = TBA



AUCTION
For sale by Auction

Guide price
£75,000

Girton Road Cannock Centre



£84,950

- Two Bed Ground Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Living Area
- Communal Gardens
- Convenient For Train Station
- No Upward Chain
- EPC = D

Tynning Close Pendeford

- Semi Detached House
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner
- Upstairs Bathroom
- D/G & C/H
- EPC = D



Offers around
£109,950

Woodford End Chadsmoor

- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Ideal For Investor/1st Time Buyer
- One Bedroom
- Spacious Accommodation
- Parking and Garage
- EPC = C



Offers around
£62,500

Lesscroft Close Pendeford



£125,000

- Semi Detached House
- Two Bedrooms
- Ideal First Time Purchase
- No Chain
- Detached Rear Garage
- EPC = D

Turnstone Drive Featherstone



£210,000

- Detached House
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Bathroom
- Kitchen
- Garage
- EPC = D

Charnwood Close Hednesford



£160,000

- Three Bedroom House
- Fitted Kitchen & Utility Room
- Lounge
- Ample Storage Space
- Driveway
- EPC = TBA

Herondale Hednesford



**FEATURED
PROPERTY!**

Offers around **£92,500**

This ground floor maisonette is an ideal purchase for a first time buyer or investment buyer. Located in the popular area of Hednesford within easy reach of amenities and commuter links, the property represents fabulous value for the accommodation on offer. The entrance hall has two extremely useful storage cupboards, and the second bedroom affords the buyer the flexibility of having a dining room or study instead if preferred. The gardens and designated parking space complete the features that makes this a very lovely home. Call for further information and viewings. EPC = TBA

Old Fallow Road Cannock



£115,000

- Ideal First Time Buyer Home
- Two Bedroom Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Rear Garden & Parking
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- EPC = E

Cooks Bank Acton Trussell



Offers around **£350,000**

- Detached Traditional Cottage
- Village Location
- Two Reception Rooms
- Four Bedrooms
- Large Garage
- EPC = E

Anson Road Great Wyrley



Guide price **£60,000**

- Auction T&C's Apply
- Two Bedrooms
- Ideal For First Buyers
- Rear Garden
- Investment Opportunity
- EPC = TBA

Longford Road Cannock



Guide price **£115,000**

- Auction T&C's Apply
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Perfect For Modernisation
- Living Room/Diner
- Good Size Plot & Parking
- EPC = TBA

Braemar Road Norton Canes



£150,000

- Modern Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted En Suite
- Play Room (Converted Garage)
- No Upward Chain
- EPC = D

March Banks Rugeley



£195,000

- Four Bedroom Detached House
- Deceptively Spacious
- Great Family Home
- Three Reception Rooms
- Integral Garage
- EPC = C



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HOLYOAKE PLACE, RUGELEY



SOLD S.T.C

- > Mid Terrace Family Home
- > Three Bedroom
- > Lounge/ Diner
- > Modern Kitchen
- > Private Gardens
- > Upvc Double Glazing
- > Gas Central Heating
- > Viewing Recommended

£97,500

NEWMAN GROVE, RUGELEY



- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedroom
- Sitting Tenant
- Ideal Investor Purchase
- Guest WC
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Gardens
- Must be Viewed

£105,000

RUTHERGLEN CLOSE



SOLD S.T.C

- > Link Detached Home
- > Three Bedroom
- > Good Size Lounge
- > Utility/Storage Area
- > Private Gardens
- > Off-Road Parking
- > Viewing Highly Recommended

£158,000

MEADOW GLADE, HIXON



NEW

- Semi Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility Area

£167,950

PENK DRIVE NORTH, RUGELEY




- Detached Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge & Games Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Elchinghill
- Must Be Viewed

£215,000

STONE HOUSE ROAD, RUGELEY





NEW

- Detached Home
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Breakfasting Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms
- Office/Study
- Garage/Secure parking
- Countryside location
- Must be Viewed

£549,950

BROOME WALK, RUGELEY



SOLD S.T.C

- 1st Floor Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Ideal Investment
- Sitting Tenant
- Viewing Advised

£85,000

HINDLEY VIEW, RUGELEY



NEW

- Modern Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- DG & GCH
- Allocated Parking
- Viewing Essential

£90,000

NEWMAN GROVE, RUGELEY



SOLD S.T.C

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Garden
- In Need of Modernisation

£87,000

HISLOP ROAD, RUGELEY



SOLD S.T.C

- > Semi Detached
- > Three Bedrooms
- > Modern Fitted Kitchen
- > Wet Room
- > Lounge/Diner
- > Private Gardens
- > Fully Adapted for Wheel Chairs
- > No Chain

O.I.R.O. £94,000

LOWER LODGE PARK, ARMITAGE



- Park Home
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Lounge Diner
- Wet Room
- Off Road Parking
- Gardens & Storage
- No Upward Chain

£106,000

RAVENHILL TERRACE, RUGELEY



- Mid Terrace Property
- Three Bedrooms
- In Need of Upgrade
- Lounge Diner
- Ideal Investor Purchase
- Garage & Gardens
- No Upward Chain
- Early Viewing Essential

£110,000

WATSON CLOSE, RUGELEY



SOLD S.T.C

- Semi-Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Diner
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- GCH & DG
- Ideal Starter Home

£118,000

SOMERSET AVENUE, RUGELEY



NEW

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Gardens Front & Rear
- Garage
- In Need of Modernisation
- Ideal FTB/Investor

£130,000

FINCHES HILL, RUGELEY



- Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Freehold
- No Upward Chain
- Sitting Tenant

£175,000

NURSERY ROAD, BRERETON



- Two Properties For Sale
- Three Bedroom House
- Two Bedroom Bungalow
- To be Sold as Job Lot
- Freehold
- No Upward Chain
- Must be Viewed
- All Offers Invited

£310,000

WATFIELD CLOSE, RUGELEY




NEW PRICE

- New Build
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Dining Room
- Utility & Cloaks
- Detached Home
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- No Onward Chain

£209,950

WINDSOR CLOSE, RUGELEY




NEW

- Semi Detached Home
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- En-suite to Master
- Garage
- Gardens Front & Rear
- Viewing Recommended

£174,000

WOODLANDS, CRAKEMARSH HALL, UTTOXETER





NEW PRICE

Occupying a fabulous and mature garden plot in the grounds of the Crakemash Hall development is this luxurious modern mansion. The property was built to a very high standard in 1999 and provides highly impressive architecture and design on a beautiful 0.8 acre plot. This is one of five distinctive homes set in lovely landscaped gardens with large living spaces making this an ideal family home. The property briefly comprises: - two reception rooms, kitchen with breakfasting room, visitor cloak and WC, to the first floor are four bedrooms all with private bathrooms, the master suite having a sitting room and balcony and finally a nursery/study room all with fantastic views. Early viewing highly recommended for the discerning purchaser.

£850,000

BRERETON ROAD, RUGELEY





- Detached Residence
- Four Bedrooms
- En-suite to Master
- Two Reception Rooms
- Large Conservatory
- Gym/Office
- Private Gardens
- Viewing Essential

£284,950

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GREENSLADE GROVE, HEDNESFORD



- 1 Bed Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge/ Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH/DG
- Parking
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS or PETS

£350 pcm

TRINITY CLOSE, CANNOCK



- One Bed FF Flat
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge, Store
- Refitted Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR PETS

£395 pcm

HEDNESFORD STREET, CANNOCK



- 1 Bed Basement Flat
- Open plan lounge/Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Electric Heating /DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C
- Utility Charges Apply
- Sorry No DSS/ Pets

£400

TOWER VIEW ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY



- 2 Bed GFF
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/Pets

£425 pcm

WOOTTONS COURT, CANNOCK



- One Bed GFF
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Elec Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/ Pets

£425 pcm

PENNY COURT



- 2 Bed FF Flat
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- DG, Parking
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS/Pets

£475 pcm

HEATH WAY, HEATH HAYES



- 2 Bed town house
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR PETS

£520 pcm

HEDGEROW CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Gardens & Parking
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS OR PETS

£550 pcm

SILVER FIR, HEDNESFORD



- 2 Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Newly fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- GCH/DG
- Rear Garden
- Energy Rating D
- No DSS/Pets.

£625 pcm

ELLESMERE ROAD, CANNOCK

Available Soon

- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge/diner
- Modern Kitchen
- Bathroom, GCH
- Garden & Drive
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS OR PETS

£625 pcm

APPLE WALK, HEATH HAYES



- An Extremely Well Presented Apartment
- Re-Decorated & Newly Carpeted
- Lounge-Diner, Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Shower Room

£85,000



- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- MUST BE VIEWED

CEMETERY ROAD, CANNOCK



- A Well Presented Mid Terraced House
- Entrance Porch
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Ground
- Floor Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms
- Parking to Rear, Rear Gardens
- NO CHAIN

£97,500

BADGERS COURT, HEATH HAYES



- A Well Presented First Floor Apartment
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge Diner
- Modern Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Ideal FTB or BTL

£110,000 No Chain

NELSON DRIVE, WIMBLEBURY



- A Well Presented Mid Terraced House
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge, Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

£120,000 No Chain

DOVE HOLLOW, HEDNESFORD



- An Extremely Well Presented Town House
- GCH & DG
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge-Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Viewing Recommended

£129,000

HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK



- Spacious Semi Detached House
- Modern Kitchen
- Lounge-Diner
- Guest WC & Conservatory
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Study
- Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

£135,000 No Chain

WALSALL ROAD, CANNOCK



- Well Presented & Spacious Semi
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility & WC



- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Well Presented Gardens
- Driveway

£151,900

GEORGE STREET, HEDNESFORD



- Well Presented & Extended Semi Detached
- Kitchen
- Family Lounge-Diner
- Dining Room/Sitting Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Good Size Rear Garden
- Driveway

£159,995

TELFORD AVENUE, GREAT WYRLEY



- Very Well Presented & Spacious House
- Family Lounge & Dining Room
- Modern Kitchen
- Playground/Study
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Good Size Gardens
- Driveway & Garage

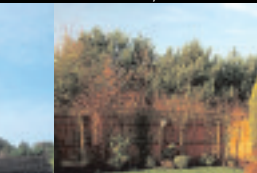
£210,000

BUTTER CUP CLOSE, HUNTINGTON



- Superbly Presented Executive Home
- Entrance Hall, Guest WC
- Modern Kitchen-Diner
- Family Lounge
- 6 Bedrooms
- 3 Bathrooms
- Driveway & Garage
- Gardens

£289,950



- Well Presented & Extended Semi Detached
- Kitchen
- Family Lounge-Diner
- Dining Room/Sitting Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Good Size Rear Garden
- Driveway

BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD



- Family Lounge
- Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility & Sun Room
- Dining Room/Bedroom Three
- Two Further Double Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Good Size Gardens
- Twin Driveway & Garage

£215,000

WOODPIGEON DRIVE, HEATH HAYES



- An Extremely Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Guest WC, Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory, Kitchen-Diner
- Four Bedrooms, En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Gardens

£199,995 No Chain



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BLOXWICH WESTHALL GATE

- Spacious three storey home
- 2 further double bedrooms, bathroom
- Superb Cul-de-Sac location
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- Master bedroom with ensuite
- EPC rating C

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GREAT WYRLEY NORTON LANE

- Detached dormer bungalow
- Sought after village location
- Lounge, kitchen, conservatory
- Two ground floor bedrooms
- Utility room, shower room
- 2 1st floor bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating D

Offers around £325,000



GREAT WYRLEY CHERRINGTON DRIVE

- Superb detached dormer bungalow
- Kitchen, ground floor WC
- Immaculate interiors. Substantial plot
- Contemporary bathroom
- 4 bedrooms (1 gf / sitting room)
- Beautifully kept grounds
- 2 further reception rooms
- EPC rating D

Offers around £315,000



GREAT WYRLEY JULIAN CLOSE

- Fabulous detached residence
- Sought after village location
- Immaculately presented interiors
- Light & spacious lounge
- Superb kitchen / diner
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating E

Offers around £260,000



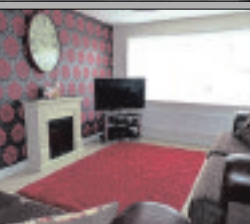
NEW PRICE



BLOXWICH WALLINGTON CLOSE

- Charming detached bungalow
- Superb Cul-de-Sac location
- Lounge, breakfast kitchen
- Large utility area
- Two double bedrooms
- Shower room
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating D

Offers around £215,000



CHURCHBRIDGE LOCKSIDE

- Fabulous semi-detached house
- Immaculately presented interiors
- Spacious lounge, guest WC
- Superb kitchen / diner
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Two further bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, driveway parking
- EPC rating B

Offers around £210,000

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NEW PRICE



CHESLYN HAY GLENTHORNE DRIVE

- Extended semi-detached house
- Superb village location
- Well presented interiors
- Extended lounge / diner, kitchen
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- Viewing highly recommended
- EPC rating C

Offers over £160,000



NEW INSTRUCTION



CHESLYN HAY OAKRIDGE DRIVE

- Modern semi-detached house
- Sought after village location
- Well presented interiors
- Lounge, kitchen / diner
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, driveway parking
- EPC rating D

Offers over £160,000



CHESLYN HAY HIGH STREET

- Well proportioned period semi
- Convenient village location
- Requiring modernisation
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen, ground floor bathroom
- Three bedrooms. No upward chain
- Gardens, off road parking
- EPC rating F

Offers around £125,000



GREAT WYRLEY BROOK LANE

- Superb first floor apartment
- Convenient village location
- Spacious interiors
- Charming lounge, refitted kitchen
- 2 generous bedroom, bathroom
- Gas central heating, double glazing
- Neat lawned grounds, parking
- EPC rating C

Offers over £85,000



BRIDGTOWN DORNEY PLACE

- Unique penthouse apartment
- Superbly presented throughout
- Many extras included
- Modern open plan living
- French doors to balcony
- 2 generous bedrooms
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC rating C

Offers around £107,950

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NEW INSTRUCTION



HAYFIELD HILL CANNOCK WOOD

- Semi detached family home
- Three bedrooms
- Contemporary kitchen/diner
- Tandem garage
- Off road parking
- Village location
- Stunning views to the rear
- Private rear garden
- Viewing highly recommended
- EPC rating C

£250,000

ACORN CLOSE HEATH HAYES

- First floor apartment
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking
- Cul-de-sac location
- Ideal first time buy
- No upward chain
- Open aspect to rear
- EPC rating B

Offers Over £80,000



DORNEY PLACE CANNOCK

- First floor apartment on corner aspect
- Ideal first time buy
- Very well presented
- Two Bedrooms
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Balcony
- Allocated parking
- EPC rating B

Offers Over £100,000

NEW INSTRUCTION



BROOKLYN ROAD BURNTWOOD

- Semi detached bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Spacious lounge
- Kitchen with appliances
- Conservatory
- Shower room
- Rear garden
- Off road parking & garage
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D

Offers Over £160,000

NEW PRICE



NIGHTINGALE COURT BURNTWOOD

- Second floor penthouse
- Sought after location
- Three bedrooms
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Bathroom & En-suite
- Lovely communal gardens
- Two allocated parking spaces
- EPC rating C

Offers Over £230,000



LEAFENDEN AVENUE BURNTWOOD

- End terrace property
- Three bedrooms
- Spacious rear garden
- Conservatory
- Open plan kitchen/diner
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Garage in separate block
- EPC rating D

£140,000



CHAWNER CLOSE BURNTWOOD

- Detached bungalow
- Two double bedrooms
- Cul-de-sac location
- Landscaped/private rear garden
- Lounge diner
- Wetroom
- Garage & driveway
- EPC rating D

Offers Over £170,000

NEW INSTRUCTION



NORTON EAST ROAD NORTON CANES

- Semi detached property
- Immaculately presented
- Three bedrooms
- Contemporary kitchen/diner
- Conservatory
- Driveway
- Spacious rear garden
- Close to Chase Water
- Viewing advised
- Awaiting EPC rating

£140,000

**SSTC
SIMILAR REQUIRED**



HAYMOOR LICHFIELD

- Semi detached property
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- South facing rear garden
- Off road parking
- Popular Boley Park estate
- Cul-de-sac location
- EPC rating C

£180,000



CHURCH FARM COTTAGES LICHFIELD

- Semi-detached cottage
- Sought after village location
- Contemporary kitchen
- Stunning garden room
- Two bedrooms
- Wonderful original features
- Open aspect to the rear
- EPC rating D

£275,000



MAIN STREET SHENSTONE

- Charming end terrace
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Period features
- Gargae & driveway
- Village location
- Must be viewed to be appreciated
- EPC rating F

Offers Over £350,000

**SSTC
SIMILAR REQUIRED**



RUGELEY ROAD BURNTWOOD

- Semi-detached property
- Two bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Considerable rear garden
- Extensive off road parking
- No upward chain
- Must be viewed to be appreciated
- EPC rating E

£170,000



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- Conservatory

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St. Johns Road, Cannock

- Extended Detached
- Four Bedroom
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen-Diner
- Family Bathroom

Offers in the Region Of £220,000



Lupin Drive, Huntington

- Modern Semi Detached
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Family Bathroom & En-Suite
- Guest W.C
- Garage & Off Road Parking

£200,000



Cowley Green, Hednesford

- Extended Dorma Bungalow
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom

Offers in Excess of £190,000



Walsall Road, Bridgtown

- Traditional Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking

Offers in Excess of £180,000



Coppice Lane, Cheslyn Hay

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen-Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Gated Off Road Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens

Offers in Region of £115,000



Cleeton Street, Heath Hayes

- Traditional Mid Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Through Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Freehold

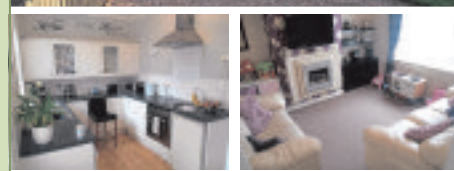
Offers in Excess of £100,000



Woodland Court, Hednesford

- Modern 2nd Floor Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom

£100,000



Summerside Avenue, Rawsley

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Ample Off Road Parking

£130,000



Lupin Drive, Huntington

- Modern Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Hallway
- Communal Gardens

Offers in the Region Of £95,000



Bank Street, Heath Hayes

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- One Bedroom
- Lounge-Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Front, Rear & Side Gardens

Offers in Excess of £95,000



Trinity Close, Cannock

- One bed flat
- Gas Central Heating
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Communal Gardens

Offers in Excess of £69,950



Cecil Street, Cannock

- Ground Floor Flat
- One Double Bedroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating

Offers in the Region Of £69,950



Price Street, Cannock

- Retirement Flat
- One Bedroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
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Offers in the Region Of £215,000



Main Road, Rugeley, Goodchilds

- DETACHED HOUSE
- 3 GOOD BEDROOMS
- WETROOM
- KITCHEN
- LOUNGE
- CONSERVATORY

£170,000



Mayflower Drive,

- Link detached Bungalow
- Two bedrooms
- lounge
- kitchen
- bathroom
- conservatory

£169,995



Leasowe Road, Rugeley, ENTRANCE

- THREE BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN
- BATHROOM
- CLOACKROOM/W.C
- OFF ROAD PARKING

£119,950



The Laurels, Rugeley, A two bed-

- TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW
- KITCHEN
- SHOWER ROOM
- RECEPTION ROOM
- COMMUNAL GARDEN
- COMMUNAL PARKING

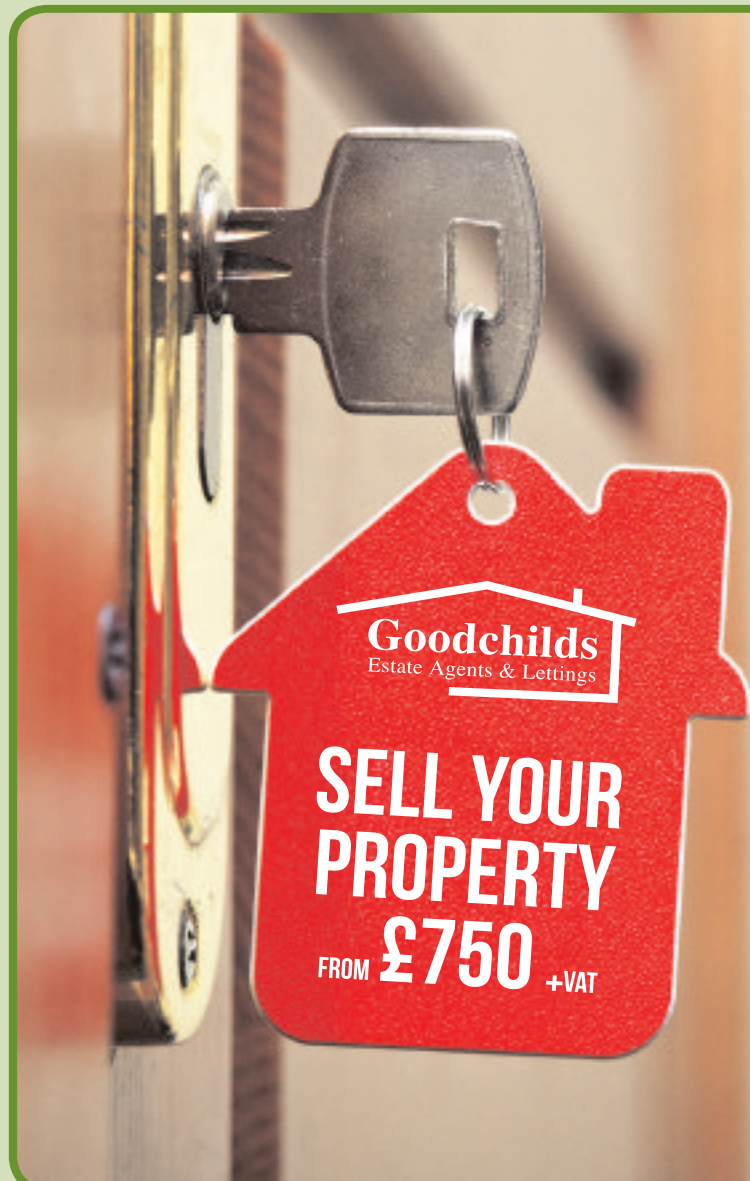
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- Double Glazing
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- Family Bathroom
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- Kitchen Diner
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- Bathroom
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- Kitchen Diner
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174 WALSALL ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY

NO CHAIN



DETACHED HOUSE BUILT IN THE POPULAR INTER WAR PERIOD OFFERING THREE BEDROOMS Occupying Corner Plot Gardens In An Established Residential Area Of This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Store room
- and predominantly
- ◆ Landing
- double glazed
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ EPC rating C (70)

£249,950 FREEHOLD

51 HUNTER ROAD, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN



IMPROVED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Separate toilet
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ EPC rating D (56)

£116,950 FREEHOLD

SILVERTREES, POPLAR FARM WAY, COVEN

NO CHAIN



INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED BUNGALOW CURRENTLY OFFERING TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS (Having Planning Permission for extension to provide up to four bedrooms with two en-suites) OCCUPYING APPROX. 33M (108FT) WIDE PLOT IN POPULAR STAFFORDSHIRE VILLAGE OF COVEN

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Bathroom with WC
- ◆ Built on garage and carport
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ L shaped lounge/ dining area
- ◆ Gas central heating and predominantly
- ◆ Kitchen
- double glazed
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ EPC rating D (60)

£285,000 FREEHOLD

85 JOHNSON ROAD, CANNOCK



THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Solid fuel central heating
- ◆ Utility room
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom and separate WC
- ◆ Possible off road parking
- ◆ EPC rating F (28)

£99,950 FREEHOLD

31 JAMES STREET, CANNOCK.

NO CHAIN



THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE BUILT IN THE POPULAR INTER WAR PERIOD Located In This Sought After Cu-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities at Hednesford and Cannock Centres

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Off road parking and south facing garden
- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Utility room
- ◆ EPC rating E (49)
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom

£147,950 FREEHOLD

NEXT AUCTION
MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2016
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WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

OLD MANOR FARM, 68 NORTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

NO CHAIN



CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED EXTENDED AND WELL EQUIPPED CHARACTERFUL 4/5 BEDROOMED DETACHED COTTAGE Located In A Popular Residential Area Of The Village With Well Stocked Gardens Extending To Approximately 1/3 Of an Acre

- ◆ 3 reception rooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room and family bathroom
- ◆ Sitting room/ bedroom 5
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Gas centrally heated
- ◆ Conservatory
- ◆ Refitted kitchen and breakfast room
- double glazed
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ EPC rating E (49)

£439,950 FREEHOLD

93 DARTMOUTH AVENUE, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN



INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town Occupying Gardens Which Could Allow For Potential Extension To Living Accommodation

- ◆ Enclosed porch and reception hall
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ Lounge and dining area
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted shower room
- ◆ EPC rating D (57)

£249,950 FREEHOLD

7 SCHOLARS CLOSE, HUNTINGTON



A SUPERBLY APPOINTED LOW MAINTENANCE FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room
- ◆ Single garage
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ EPC rating: C (79)

£249,995 FREEHOLD

11 LANGDALE GREEN, CANNOCK



AN IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- ◆ Enclosed porch
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Refitted kitchen
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Landing
- ◆ EPC rating D (54)
- ◆ Three bedrooms

£123,495 FREEHOLD

40 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN



CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED, IMPROVED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE WITH FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION INCLUDING SELF CONTAINED FLAT SUITABLE FOR EXTENDED FAMILY OCCUPYING MATURE WELL STOCKED GARDENS In Much Sought After Residential Area Adjoining Cannock Park To The Rear

- ◆ Two reception rooms
- ◆ Self contained flat (currently let on AST)
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Double integral garage
- ◆ Games/hobby/play room
- ◆ Gas central heating and double glazing
- ◆ Five bedrooms
- ◆ EPC rating D (66)
- ◆ Two bathrooms
- ◆ Shower room

£645,000 FREEHOLD

PLOT 8 THE CROSSINGS, MILL STREET, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED NEWLY BUILT MID MEWS HOUSE BUILT TO A HIGH SPECIFICATION Conveniently Located In Private Drive For Facilities At The Town Centre

- ◆ Entrance hall and cloakroom
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Choice of carpets included
- ◆ EPC rating B (84)
- ◆ Bathroom

£145,000 FREEHOLD

NANT Y DERW, TREGYNON, POWYS



WELL APPOINTED SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OFFERING ECO FRIENDLY CONTEMPORARY STYLE ACCOMMODATION Located In Popular Village Midway Between Welshpool and Newtown

- ◆ 3 reception rooms
- ◆ Garage
- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Well stocked gardens with stream
- ◆ Utility room and cloakroom
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Four double bedrooms
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Ensuite shower room
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ EPC rating C (71)

£275,000 FREEHOLD

39 GORSEY LANE, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN



A SUPERB WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH MANY CHARACTER FEATURES Located In The Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Shoal Hill District of Cannock Chase An Area Noted For Its Outstanding Natural Beauty

- ◆ Two reception rooms
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Utility room
- ◆ Excellent commuting facilities for A5, M6, M54 & M6 Toll
- ◆ Ground floor shower room
- ◆ EPC rating E (43)
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom

£335,000 FREEHOLD



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THE POPLARS, FRANCIS GREEN LANE, PENKRIDGE



**WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOM
DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE**
Located In Much Sought After
Residential Area Of This Popular South
Staffordshire Market Village

- ◆ Two reception rooms
- ◆ Integral garage
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen and utility
- ◆ Well stocked gardens
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Four double bedrooms
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Bathroom and shower room
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

£395,000

19 LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, LOVE LANE, RUGELEY



WELL EQUIPPED ALPINE STYLE CABIN
Located On Established Park Home Site Adjacent to Canal
Tow Path and Convenient For Local Facilities

- ◆ Open plan lounge and kitchen
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Garden and decked terrace
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Allocated parking
- ◆ For persons aged 50 or over
- ◆ Viewing recommended

£90,000 LEASEHOLD

45A NORTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY



**WELL EQUIPPED INDIVIDUALLY
DESIGNED TWO BEDROOMED
DETACHED BUNGALOW OCCUPYING
LARGER GARDENS**
In Popular Residential Area In This Much
Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Larger gardens
- ◆ Fitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Bathroom and ensuite shower room
- ◆ EPC rating D (63)

£284,950 FREEHOLD

'WINTON', 69 KIDDEMORE GREEN ROAD, BREWOOD



DETACHED DORMER STYLE RESIDENCE WITH APPROXIMATELY 3.3 ACRES OFFERING
CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND COMPREHENSIVELY RENOVATED FLEXIBLE FOUR
BEDROOMED FAMILY ACCOMMODATION POSSIBLY SUITABLE FOR EXTENDED FAMILY
LOCATED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THIS MUCH SOUGHT AFTER SOUTH
STAFFORDSHIRE VILLAGE

- ◆ Central Reception Hall
- ◆ Spacious Lounge
- ◆ Double Glazed Conservatory
- ◆ Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
- ◆ Living Room/Study
- ◆ Side Entrance Lobby
- ◆ Dining Room
- ◆ Bedroom Floor
- ◆ Dressing/Sitting Room
- ◆ En-suite Bathroom
- ◆ Shower Room
- ◆ Central Landing
- ◆ Inspection Essential To Fully Appreciate This Well Appointed Residence

PRICE £799,950 : FREEHOLD

47 LLOYD STREET, CANNOCK



EXTENDED AND IMPROVED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW
OF CHARACTER ORIGINALLY BUILT IN THE POPULAR INTER WAR PERIOD
In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- ◆ Porch and reception hall
- ◆ Garage
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted shower room
- ◆ EPC rating E (48)

£220,000 FREEHOLD

108 BURNS STREET, CHADSMOOR, CANNOCK



IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Facilities and For Access To Cannock and
Hednesford Town Centres

- ◆ Enclosed porch and entrance
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Sitting room
- ◆ Garage and gardens
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Kitchen and utility room
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ EPC rating D (56)

£139,950 FREEHOLD

"MARILL", 111 DARTMOUTH AVENUE, CANNOCK



**INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED THREE
BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE
OF CHARACTER OCCUPYING WELL
STOCKED GARDENS**
Located In Popular Residential Area of
The Town

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Well stocked gardens
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage
- ◆ EPC rating E (40)

£249,950 FREEHOLD

11A FIELD STREET, CANNOCK



**WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED
BUNGALOW**
Located In Popular Position Convenient For Facilities Locally

- ◆ Lounge and dining area
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Intruder alarm
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ EPC rating D (63)
- ◆ Built on garage
- ◆ Well stocked gardens

£164,950 FREEHOLD

6 NIRVANA CLOSE, CANNOCK.



**CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND
IMPROVED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED
DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE** Located
In Cul-De-Sac In Much Sought After
Residential Area Of The Town Close To
The Shal Hill District Of Cannock Chase

- ◆ Reception hall and cloakroom
- ◆ Integral double width garage and well stocked gardens
- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Refitted breakfast kitchen and utility room
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Intruder alarm
- ◆ Ensuite bathroom and family bathroom
- ◆ EPC rating C (69)

£387,500 FREEHOLD

6 ANSON ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY



IMPROVED THREE BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Facilities Within This Popular
South Staffordshire Village

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining area and kitchen
- ◆ Garden room
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Garage on court
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (62)

£109,950 FREEHOLD

15 ADAMSON CLOSE, CANNOCK



**WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED
DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE**
Located In Cul-de-sac In Popular
Residential Area Of The Town

- ◆ Two reception rooms
- ◆ Built-on garage
- ◆ Refitted kitchen
- ◆ South facing rear gardens
- ◆ Utility room & cloakroom
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Refitted shower room
- ◆ EPC rating: D (64)

£249,950 FREEHOLD

THE BARN, MORETON GRANGE, BISHTON LANE, WOLSELEY BRIDGE, STAFFORD



**COMPREHENSIVELY RENOVATED
WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED FIVE
BEDROOMED BARN CONVERSION**
Occupying Private Well Stocked
Gardens With Stables and Paddock
Extending To Approximately 1 Acre

- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Detached double width garage
- ◆ Study/sitting area
- ◆ Well stocked gardens and paddock
- ◆ Farmhouse dining kitchen
- ◆ Oil fired central heating
- ◆ Five bedrooms
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Two en-suites and family bathroom
- ◆ EPC rating E (50)

£635,000 FREEHOLD



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55 NEWHALL STREET,
CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Facilities At The
Town Centre

- ◆ Lounge & sitting room
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Cellar
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: tbc
- ◆ £595 pcm



4 SMITHY PLACE, TEDDESLEY
PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN
CONVERSION
Sited On The Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- ◆ Fitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Inner hall
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Oil fired central heating
- ◆ Communal grounds and parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: tbc
- ◆ £595 pcm



2 MILL PLACE, TEDDESLEY
PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Sited On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Inner hall
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Fully double central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Communal grounds and parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- ◆ EPC rating: C (77)
- ◆ £675 pcm



1A HOLDEN CRESCENT,
COALPOOL, WALSALL

ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- ◆ Hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Bedroom
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Economy 7 Heating
- ◆ Double glazed
- ◆ DSS considered
- ◆ Sorry no smokers or pets
- ◆ EPC rating: D
- ◆ £350 pcm



15 BUCKTHORN CLOSE,
HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
Located At Head Of Cul-De-Sac In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Guests cloakroom with wc
- ◆ Lounge & dining room
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ All windows double glazed
- ◆ Garage
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating: D
- ◆ £750 pcm



18 CHALFONT AVENUE,
CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM
MID TERRACED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Integral garage
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: C (69)
- ◆ £625 pcm



34 CHESTNUT DRIVE,
GREAT WYRLEY

EXTENSIVELY REFURBISHED THREE
BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Cloakroom with WC
- ◆ UPVC double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: E (46)
- ◆ £695 pcm



2 THE STABLES, TEDDESLEY PARK,
PENKRIDGE

WELL APPOINTED THREE BEDROOM BARN
CONVERSION
Located On The Picturesque Estate Of Teddesley Park

- ◆ Cloakroom
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ En-suite shower room
- ◆ Oil fired central heating
- ◆ Communal grounds & parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: tbc
- ◆ £750 pcm



1 ARNOTDALE DRIVE,
HEDNESFORD

TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMED
DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Refitted kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating: D (68)
- ◆ £625 pcm

PROPERTY

Number of new homes reaches its highest level for eight years

THE number of new homes being registered across the UK hit its highest level since 2007 last year, according to an industry body.

In the West Midlands, 13,478 new houses were registered last year – up nine per cent.

Meanwhile, the number of detached homes registered over the past 12 months reached its highest levels in more than a decade, while the number of semi-detached homes registered in 2015 was the highest in more than 20 years, the National House Building Council (NHBC) said.

A total of 156,140 new homes were registered in 2015, marking a seven per cent increase on 2014 as well as an eight-year high, according to the NHBC's figures. While the 2015

annual total is still well below the 199,177 new-build homes registered in 2007, it is 75 per cent higher than the 88,993 new homes registered during in 2009. The NHBC is a warranty and insurance provider.

The body's registration figures are taken from builders who are responsible for around 80 per cent of homes constructed in the UK.

Growing

Builders are required to register a house with the NHBC before starting work, which means its figures represent homes that are to be built in the months ahead.

The NHBC said that 42,173 detached homes were registered during 2015, while 35,423 semi-detached homes were also registered.

The proportion of detached and

semi-detached new-build homes being registered has been growing in recent years, while the proportion of new flats being registered has been shrinking. The industry has said the change reflects the demand for more family homes.

In 2015, flats and maisonettes accounted for 31 per cent of all new-build properties registered, down from nearly half – 48 per cent – in 2008.

Last year, 27 per cent of new homes being registered were detached, while 23 per cent were semi-detached, 17 per cent were terraced and two per cent were bungalows.

Nine out of 12 UK regions recorded annual growth in the number of new-build homes being registered. London saw a nine per cent year-on-year decline, although this follows a strong recovery in the capital in recent years.



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At iPro Stadium, Derby. Commencing at 11:30am

77 Mosswood Street, Cannock



- ◆ Generous sized three bedroomed semi-detached house
- ◆ Gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed
- ◆ Scope for some modernisation and uplift in value
- ◆ Popular residential district close to all facilities
- ◆ EPC Rating : C

*Guide Price: £86,000+

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AUCTIONS

For Sale By Auction – Wednesday 24th February 2016
At iPro Stadium, Derby. Commencing at 11:30am

270 Stafford Road, Cannock



- ◆ Attractive three bedroomed semi-detached house
- ◆ Gas central heating; Off street parking
- ◆ Requires some cosmetic improvement
- ◆ Prime location close to centre of Cannock
- ◆ EPC Rating : D

*Guide Price: £78,000+

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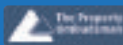
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Cannock
New

Stoney Croft

- Executive 4 Bedroom
- Great Commuter Links
- Exclusive Location
- Two Reception Rooms




£350,000 EPC=D

Hednesford
New

Greenwood Park

- Spacious Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Modern Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms




£229,995 EPC=D

Norton Canes
New

Church Road

- Link Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen / Diner
- Tandem Garage




£195,000 EPC=TBA

Great Wyrley

Broadmeadow Lane

- Modern Detached
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms




£179,995 EPC=B

Cannock
New

Station Court

- Modern Mews House
- Conveniently Located
- Lounge/Diner
- Two Bedrooms




£140,000 EPC=B

Burntwood
New

Biddulph Park

- Stunning Park Home
- Over 50's Site
- Modern Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms




£109,995 EPC=TBA

Huntington
New

Stafford Road

- Mid Terraced House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bedrooms
- Guest WC & Bathroom




£109,995 EPC=D

Heath Hayes

Badgers Court

- Modern First Floor
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Allocated Parking




£110,000 EPC=B

Shoal Hill

SOLD S.T.C.
Similar Properties Required

Hatherton Croft

- Detached Family Home
- Highly Regarded Area
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility Room



£284,950 EPC=D

Cannock
New

SOLD S.T.C.
Similar Properties Required

Surrey Close

- Extended Semi Detached
- Spacious Lounge
- Open Plan Kitchen/Diner
- Four Double Bedrooms



£169,995 EPC=D

Brownhills West
New

SOLD S.T.C.
Similar Properties Required

Blithfield Road

- Modern Semi Detached
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Stunning Conservatory
- Two Bedrooms



£129,995 EPC=C

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SOLD S.T.C.
Similar Properties Required

Oaks Drive

- Detached Family Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Spacious Accommodation
- Very Well Presented




£280,000 EPC=D

Great Wyrley

SOLD S.T.C.
Similar Properties Required

Walsall Road

- Traditional Semi Detached
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge, Sitting Room
- Kitchen, Re-Fitted Bathroom



£135,000 EPC=F

Cannock
New

SOLD S.T.C.
Similar Properties Required

Baltic Close

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Requires Modernisation
- Close To Town Centre
- Extended Lounge/Diner



£84,995 EPC=D

Heath Hayes
No Chain

Newlands Lane

- Executive Detached
- High Quality Finish
- Four Bedrooms, 1 En Suite
- Sought After Location



£399,995 EPC=C

Cannock

Newhall Street

- Traditional Detached
- Well Presented
- Four Bedrooms & En-Suite
- 4 Reception Rooms



£389,995 EPC=E

Penkridge
No Chain

Firethorn Cottage

- Semi Detached Cottage
- Semi Rural Location
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room




£299,950 EPC=C

Wimblebury

Horseshoe Drive

- Executive Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Luxury Refitted Kitchen
- Large Conservatory




£279,995 EPC=C

Cannock

Dartmouth Avenue

- Traditional Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen



£269,995 EPC=D

Churchbridge

Lucas Rise

- Modern Detached House
- Four Bedrooms, En-Suite
- Lounge, Guest WC
- Sunning Kitchen/Diner



£250,000 EPC=B

Huntington

Rowan Close

- Modern Detached
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner
- En-Suite, Family Bathroom




£194,995 EPC=C

Norton Canes

Kingswood Drive

- Link Detached House
- Very Well Presented
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Conservatory



£167,500 EPC=E

Hednesford

Sharon Way

- Extended Semi Detached
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Driveway & Garage




£145,000 EPC=C

Cannock

Newhall Street

- Town Centre Location
- Traditional Terraced
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Cellar




£127,000 EPC=E

Great Wyrley
New

Achilles Close

- End Terraced House
- Ideal First Time Purchase
- Popular Location
- Two Bedrooms



£95,000 EPC=TBA

Heath Hayes
No Chain

Capercaillie Drive

- Coach House Apartment
- Communal Lobby
- Living Room
- Fitted Kitchen



£90,000 EPC=B

Hednesford

McGhie Street

- First Floor Apartment
- One Double Bedroom
- Good Sized Lounge
- Kitchen & Bathroom




£85,000 EPC=D

Great Wyrley

Brook Lane

- First Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Communal Parking
- Communal Gardens



£85,000 EPC=C

Chadsmoor
No Chain

Woodford End

- Modern First Floor
- One Bedroom
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Well Presented




£62,500 EPC=C

Cannock
No Chain

Rowan Croft, Price Street

- Over 55's First Floor Flat
- 5% Shared Ownership
- One Bedroom & Bathroom
- Communal Lounge



£44,750 EPC=C

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PROPERTIES

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Church Lane, Etching Hill

- Unique and spacious detached home in a private location
- Stile Cottage offers family sized accommodation
- Lovely position with gated driveway and private gardens
- Internally there are three reception rooms, four bedrooms
- Two bathrooms, large modern kitchen, Viewing essential

£329,950

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Hednesford Road, Rugeley

- Stunning extended traditional semi detached home
- Four good size bedrooms, main bathroom and guest wc
- Hallway, two reception rooms, refitted kitchen
- Large conservatory and study room
- Front and rear gardens with plentiful parking

£249,950



The Lindens, Rugeley

- Spacious three storey end terraced property
- Hallway, kitchen/ diner, lounge, guest wc
- Three good size bedrooms, two bathrooms
- Garage and driveway with gardens
- No Chain, viewing essential

£159,950

Boothurst Road, Hawksyard

- New build two bedroom semi detached property
- Ideal FTB/ Investment property
- Hallway, guest wc, lounge, kitchen
- Two good size bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens with allocated parking

£134,950



Paget Close, Little Haywood

- Exceptional detached property in village location
- Hallway, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen
- Conservatory, three good size bedrooms and bathroom
- Front and rear gardens with garage
- Parking, corner position, must be viewed

£199,950



The Oaklands, Etching Hill

- Detached family home in sought after location
- Extended and well presented accommodation
- Hallway, two reception rooms, large conservatory
- Kitchen with utility room, three bedrooms, shower room
- Front and rear gardens with garage and driveway

£259,950 Offers Invited

Lichfield Street, Rugeley

- Charming traditional terraced home
- Well proportioned rooms and period features
- Close to town centre and lovely private gardens
- Three good size bedrooms and two large reception rooms
- Kitchen and conservatory, must be viewed

£155,000



Main Road, Brereton

- Interesting split level detached family home
- Part exchange considered, must be viewed
- Hallway, three good size bedrooms, modern bathroom
- Lounge, kitchen, conservatory, basement level/ bedroom four
- Gardens, driveway and garage

£239,995



Chaseley Road, Etching Hill

- Deatched bungalow in prime residential location
- Large woodland plot offering lots of potential
- Hallway, lounge, dining room, two bedrooms
- In need of modernisation and redevelopment
- No Chain, sensible offers invited

£399,950 Offers Invited

St Thomas Way, Hawksyard

- Well presented one bedroom first floor apartment
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase with No Chain
- Communal hallway, lounge, breakfast kitchen
- Good size master bedroom and modern bathroom
- Two allocated parking spaces, must be viewed

£94,950

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VALUATION



Chaseley Road, Etching Hill

- Stunning detached executive family home
- Lovely location with established gardens
- Four large bedrooms, two bathrooms
- Hallway, three reception rooms, dining kitchen
- Garage, gated driveway and No Chain

£435,000

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Tunncliffe Drive, Rugeley



- Good size semi detached property in popular location
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen and dining room
- Three good size bedrooms, family bathroom
- Front and rear gardens, No Chain

£134,950



Leasowe Road, Brereton

- Large three bedroom end terraced house
- Corner plot with gardens to three sides
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen, conservatory
- Three good size bedrooms, refitted bathroom
- No Chain and offers invited

£134,950 Offers Invited



Canaway Walk, Etching Hill

- Exceptional detached family home in good location
- Show home standard with refitted kitchen and bathroom
- Hallway, lounge/ diner, refitted kitchen
- Three good size bedrooms, refitted bathroom
- Front and rear gardens with garage and No Chain

£199,950

Whitegreave Lane, Rugeley



- Three bedroom semi detached house on corner position
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen, conservatory
- Three good size bedrooms, bathroom
- Large corner plot garden that must be viewed

£104,950



Bramble Way, Etching Hill

- Good size link detached property on corner plot
- No Chain and offers considered
- Kitchen, utility, lounge, dining room, conservatory
- Three good size bedrooms, main bathroom
- Plentiful parking, must be viewed

£187,000



Pump Lane, Etching Hill

- Lovely three bedroom link detached property
- Superb location and offered with No Chain
- Hallway, lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen
- Three good size bedrooms, refitted bathroom
- Gardens, garage and driveway

£179,950

Lovatt Place, Cannock



- Immaculate two bedroom modern terraced home
- Ideal FTB/Investment purchase
- Lounge, modern breakfast kitchen
- Two good size bedrooms, modern bathroom
- Allocated parking and private gardens

£114,950



Delafield Way, Etching Hill

- Three bedroom link detached family home
- Good location and offered with No Upward Chain
- Hallway, lounge, dining room, conservatory
- Three good size bedrooms, family bathroom
- Front and rear gardens with garage

£159,950



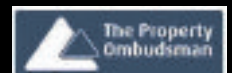
The Beeches, Rugeley

- Spacious three bedroom terraced property
- Ideal FTB/Investment purchase that must be viewed
- Hallway, extended large lounge/ diner, kitchen
- Three good size bedrooms, refitted bathroom
- Garage and gardens with driveway

£124,950



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HUNTINGTON
Lupin Drive



- A modern three bedroom semi-detached
 - Gas central heating and double glazing
 - Lounge, Guest cloakroom
 - Kitchen/diner
 - Master bedroom with built in wardrobes
 - Family bathroom
 - Garden to rear
 - Driveway, Awaiting EPC rating
- £172,000**

CANNOCK
York Road



- A two bedroom semi detached
 - Gas central heating and double glazing
 - Lounge/Diner
 - Refitted Kitchen
 - Two good sized bedrooms
 - Family bathroom
 - Garden to rear
 - Driveway
 - Awaiting EPC rating
- £115,000**

CANNOCK
Wootons Court



- A two bedroom apartment
 - Double glazed, Electric heating
 - Refitted Kitchen
 - Bathroom
 - Lounge
 - Ideal for first time buy
 - Ideal Investment
 - Awaiting EPC rating
- £94,950**

HEDNESFORD
MCGHIE STREET



- Three bedroom semi detached
 - Two reception rooms
 - Re-fitted kitchen
 - Downstairs wet room
 - Gas central heating & double glazing
 - Close to town centre
 - NO UPWARD CHAIN
 - EPC rating B
- £99,950**

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CONISTON WAY



- Fully refurbished Bungalow
 - Three bedrooms, Garage
 - Modern fitted Kitchen
 - Modern fitted Bathroom
 - Lounge, dining room
 - Conservatory, Utility
 - Front & Rear gardens
 - Town centre location
 - EPC rating D, NO CHAIN
- £264,950**

CANNOCK
Laburnum Avenue



- Extended Three Bedroom semi detached
 - Lounge/diner
 - Modern fitted kitchen
 - Modern fitted bathroom
 - Garage/Driveway
 - Enclosed rear garden
 - Gas central heating
 - Awaiting EPC
 - NO CHAIN
- £129,950**

CHASETOWN
NEW STREET



- Two bedroom semi detached
 - Off road parking
 - Two reception rooms
 - Kitchen, Bathroom
 - Gas central heating
 - Double glazing
 - No Chain
 - EPC rating D
- £124,995**

CHESLYN HAY
SUTHERLAND ROAD



- Three bedroom semi detached
 - Entrance hallway & Porch
 - Lounge/Diner
 - Kitchen & Utility
 - Family bathroom
 - Garage & driveway
 - NO CHAIN
 - Awaiting EPC rating
- £160,000**

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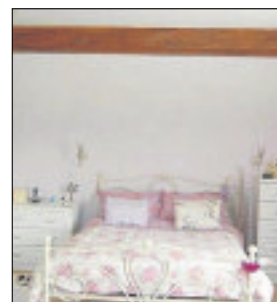
Spacious village property with original features



DECEPTIVELY spacious, Lower Well Cottage in Audmore, Gnosall, is in a desirable village and has many original features, including an inglenook fireplace.

It is for sale through Nicolsons at £299,950. Internal inspection is recommended to appreciate the accommodation on offer. The property's accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, conservatory, master bedroom with an en suite, two further bedrooms and a family bathroom.

For details call Nicolsons on 01785 214214 or visit www.nicolsons.co.uk



Refurbished bungalow with delightful garden



COMPREHENSIVELY refurbished, this two-bedroomed bungalow in Dartmouth Avenue, Cannock, has generous accommodation and an abundance of high-quality fixtures and fittings.

With a double-width driveway, a garage and a delightful landscaped garden in a sought after location, it is for sale through Marwood Homes at £349,950.

It has a reception hall with wooden flooring, a charming lounge with wooden flooring, a stunning breakfast kitchen with white high gloss units and contrasting black working surfaces and shower room, a double master bedroom and a second double bedroom. For further information on this property, contact Marwood Homes on 0121 3542079 or visit www.marwoodhomes.com



Spacious and improved modern detached home

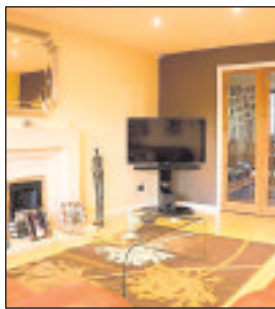


THIS spacious and improved modern detached property in Swallowdale, Brownhills, has a generous plot and a large double garage.

It is for sale through Edwards Moore at £269,950.

Having an excellent standard of internal appointment with gas central heating and double glazing and a good sized garden it lies in an enviable situation in a quiet, yet convenient cul-de-sac. It has three large bedrooms, one of which was originally two and could easily be re-instated.

For further information contact Edwards Moore on 01922 615222 or visit the website www.edwardsmoore.co.uk



Immaculate former show home has four bedrooms



AN immaculately presented and recently built former show home in Redmires Close, Rushall, with four generous bedrooms is an impressive property with the wow factor.

Including a converted garage and an open plan lounge and diner, it is for sale through Goodchilds at £289,950 with no chain.

Also with off road parking and a delightful rear garden with decking, it has a canopy porch, a reception hallway with tiled flooring and stairs off to the first floor, a breakfast kitchen, a sitting room/games room converted from the garage, a lounge and dining area, a gallery landing, master bedroom with a bay window and en-suite, bedroom two with wardrobes, two further bedrooms and a bathroom.

Call Skitts on 01902 711444 or visit the www.skitts.net website.



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SALES AND LETTINGS

Areas: Rugeley (and villages) - Cannock - Burntwood

West Butts Road, Rugeley



- REDUCED & NO CHAIN
- Superb Detached Home
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- 2 Large Reception Rooms
- Large Breakfast Kitchen
- 2 Bathrooms
- Self Contained Annexe
- Perfect for Granny or Teens
- Garden
- Parking

£355,000

Sainte foy Avenue, Lichfield



- End Town House
- 4 Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Cloaks
- En-suite
- Family Bathroom
- Garden
- Garage

£250,000

Hazel Drive, Armitage



- Fabulous Private Position
- Detached Home, Great Size
- 3 Good Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- En-suite
- Family Bathroom
- Garden, lots of parking
- Garage

£214,995

Grouse Way, Heath Hayes



- NO CHAIN
- Wonderful House Prestigious Area
- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Home
- Living Room & Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Cloaks
- Fitted Kitchen
- En-suite
- Family Bathroom
- Garden, Garage - NO CHAIN

£190,000

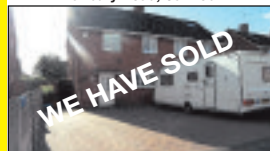
Richardson Way, Rugeley



- NO CHAIN-Superb Property
- End 3 Storey Town Home
- 3 Good Size Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
- Conservatory
- Cloak
- Large En-suite
- Family Bathroom
- Garden
- Garage - NO CHAIN

£159,995

Banbury Road, Cannock



- Great Size Semi
- 3 Good Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Utility, Solar Panels
- Family Bathroom
- Nice Rear Garden
- Very large front drive
- Popular area

£145,000

New Road, Armitage



- Period Terrace
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Good Size Cellar
- Bathroom Upstairs
- Small Front Garden
- Long Back Garden
- In need of some TLC.

£130,000

Pillaton, Penkridge



- Idyllic Barn
- 5 Bedrooms
- Sitting Room
- Dining Area
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Aga
- Utility & Cloaks
- 3 Bathrooms
- Gardens
- Tandem Garage

£1,495 pcm

Nelson Close, Lichfield



- Gorgeous Detached
- 5 Bedroom in this sought after area.
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- 3 Bathrooms
- Cloaks
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Garage

£1,250 pcm

Whitehouse Drive, Lichfield



- Fabulous Apartment
- 2 Bedrooms
- Master with en-suite
- Living Room/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Ground Floor
- Close to Walthose
- Garage and Parking.

£750 pcm

Jackman Road, Fradley



- Beautifully Refurbished
- Detached 3 Bed Bungalow
- Living Room
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Fabulous rear garden.
- Parking

£695 pcm

Mavesyn Close, Hill Ridware



- Lovely Bungalow
- Lovely Area
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Living/Dining Room
- Doors out to the Garden
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Delightful garden
- Double Glazed
- Gas central heating.

£650

Pye Green Road, Cannock



- Refurbished Semi
- 3 Good Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Cloaks
- Bathroom with Shower
- Garden and Garage

£625 pcm

Watling Street, Wall, Lichfield



- Fabulous Cottage
- Lovely Area
- One Large Bedroom
- Sitting Room
- Conservatory
- Utility
- White Goods
- Bathroom
- Small Courtyard
- On road Parking

£625 pcm

New Road, Armitage



- Good Size Home
- Mid Terrace
- Traditional
- 2 Good Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Cellar
- Garden.

£575

Daywell Rise, Rugeley



- Semi Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Dining Area
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- With Shower
- Garden
- Garage

£525 pcm

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Farm Court, Hednesford

£90,000

Connells are marketing this one bedroomed over 55's apartment comprising of lounge, kitchen, bedroom, wet room, double glazing and gas central heating (where specified), allocated parking, gardens, drying area, communal lounge area and guest bedroom at small charge. Energy rating: B.

Cannock

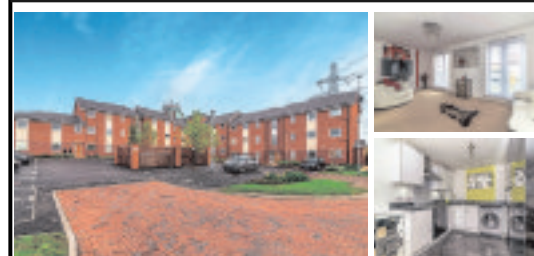


Church Street, Cannock

£100,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this deceptively spacious three bedroom mid-terraced property in Cannock and is within the catchment area to Redhill Primary School. Closeby you have a train station, and other good schools and local amenities. The property comprises of a family lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, lobby and utility room. Upstairs there are three generous bedrooms and an upstairs bathroom, to add to the space you also have a cellar. Externally, to the rear you have parking for multiple cars, a garage and a rear garden/courtyard. Energy Rating - F

Bridgetown



Dorney Place, Bridgetown

O.O £105,000

Connells Estate Agents are delighted to present for sale this modern two bedroom upper floor, luxury apartment in Bridgetown offering good access onto the A5 and the M6 Toll and has it's very own parking space. Energy rating: B.

Cheslyn Hay



Hill Street, Cheslyn Hay

£125,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this deceptively spacious two bedroom semi detached property in Cheslyn Hay and is within the catchment area to Cheslyn Hay High School and Glenthorne Primary School. The property comprises of a family lounge, dining room with patio doors leading out to a large rear garden, modern fitted kitchen, rear hall which leads to downstairs bathroom. Upstairs there are two generous double bedrooms. To the rear there is an entertainment patio area and a lawned area whilst to the front there is a garage. Energy Rating - Awaited

Cannock



St Johns Road, Cannock

£125,000

An exciting opportunity has presented itself just a stone's throw away from Cannock Town Centre via CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS. This home, ideal for first time buyers home with great entertaining space and generous accommodation throughout hosts an impressive THREE bedrooms so this mid-terrace property really is a must view to fully appreciated. The property briefly comprises of lounge, dining room which leads to open plan kitchen, downstairs bathroom and three bedrooms upstairs. The rear garden is off a good size and is mainly a lawn area. Energy Rating:- Awaited

Great Wyrley



Walsall Road, Great Wyrley

£130,000

How many two bedrooms have you seen with two bathrooms including an EN-SUITE?? Internally, this property has a lounge, dining room, downstairs bathroom and kitchen with the upstairs having two bedrooms, one with EN-SUITE. To the rear there is a patio area and separate lawn area with side access

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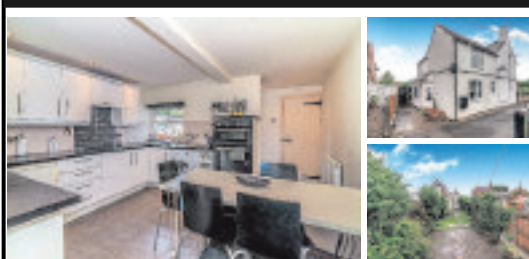


Buckland Close, Heath Hayes

£155,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this quiet CUL-DE-SAC location, detached, two bedroom bungalow situated in the popular area of HEATH HAYES near to Gorsemoor Primary and other schools, transport links and nearby amenities. The property is currently leasehold but the Freehold will be purchased upon completion. You will be buying the property as a Freehold property. The property comprises of an entrance porch, family lounge, modern fitted kitchen, recently fitted bathroom with shower, basin and W/C, two bedrooms of which the second could even be used as the dining room if needed as it offers access into the garden. Externally to the front the property aids from having off road parking for multiple cars and car port across the side of the bungalow. To the rear there is a patio area, a separate lawn area with shrubs and a shed. Energy rating: D.

Cheslyn Hay

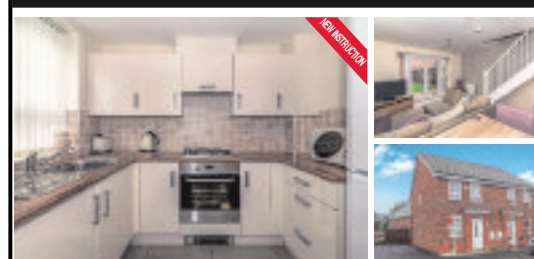


Woodmans Lane, Cheslyn Hay

Offers over £155,000

Connells are pleased to market this two bedroom semi-detached house which briefly comprises of lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, inner hallway, two bedrooms, rear garden, garage and double glazing (where specified). Energy rating: D.

CANNOCK



Station Court, CANNOCK

£155,000

A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE AN EXCEPTIONAL AND BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME. Occupying a CUL-DE-SAC location whilst set on a PRIVATE ROAD and only a stones throw away from CANNOCK STATION and CANNOCK TOWN CENTRE this property really is a must view!!

REDUCED



Cecil Street, Cannock

£180,000

MUST BE VIEWED to be fully appreciated. This four bedroom detached property comprising of hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, family bathroom, master bedroom having en-suite, garage, front and rear gardens, double glazing and gas central heating (where specified). Energy rating: E.

Hednesford



Bond Way, Hednesford

£199,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this FOUR bedroom DETACHED property in Hednesford which is within the catchment area to PYE GREEN ACADEMY.

The property comprises of lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, four bedrooms, bathroom with separate toilet. Being a CORNER PLOT you have a large driveway and a good size rear garage.

Norton Canes



Chapel Street, Norton Canes

£225,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this three bedroom detached property located in Norton Canes which briefly comprises of entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen / diner, sun lounge, three bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking, garden and garage/shed. Energy rating: awaited.

Cannock



Pye Green Road, Cannock

£229,999

This extended and spacious detached bungalow offers flexible accommodation. The property is located close to Cannock Chase and the market town of Cannock and also commuter links of M6 Toll, M6 and M54. The bungalow, offers entrance hall, lounge/ diner, open plan kitchen/ sunroom, 3 bedrooms, en suite and bathroom. Outside to the front there is a block paved driveway for several cars, flower borders and a garage and low maintenance gardens to the rear. Energy rating: E

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Cannock Wood



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Cannock



Newlands Court, Cannock

£280,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this four bedroom detached property located in Cannock which briefly comprises of entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, conservatory, four bedrooms master having en-suite and garden. Energy rating: awaited.

Great Wyrley



Bentons Lane, Great Wyrley

£290,000

This family friendly home with great entertaining space and generous accommodation through out hosts an impressive five bedrooms and is detached so it really is a must view to fully appreciate not only the space, but the period features also. The property briefly comprises of entrance to a porch, grand reception hall, family lounge, an additional sitting area, conservatory, fitted kitchen and separate dining area, utility with access to the garage. Upstairs there are five bedrooms and this property has both a family bathroom and a family shower room all on the first floor!

Bungalow and Annexe



Pye Green Road, Cannock

£290,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS have for sale this beautifully presented THREE bedroom DETACHED family bungalow positioned on a CORNER PLOT including a separate GROUND FLOOR ANNEXE with flexible living accommodation in a sought after location with excellent local schooling and amenities. The property briefly comprises of an entrance hall, modern fitted kitchen, three DOUBLE bedrooms, modern fitted bathroom with shower, basin, bath and WC, extended large family lounge, which then flows through to the conservatory. To the front the property provides a driveway with parking for several cars, a path way with lawn both sides and various shrubs with a secure gate to the front of the property, to the side of the property there is a secure gated area that could be used for safe keeping and storage. To the rear there is an entertaining patio area, separate decking area, large shed and steps up to the ANNEXE which can also be accessed from the front driveway by a sloping path. Energy Rating:- Awaited

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£290,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master
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Mr and Mrs L have sold their house and need a 3/4 bed detached house in Penkridge for £220,000

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£190,000

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WANTED

Mr and Mrs R are looking to buy a three bedroom property around Johnson Road, Elizabeth Road with scope to extend.

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Mrs G has no house to sell and urgently needs a three bedroom property with parking in Heath Hayes priced up to £180,000.

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£110,000

- Similar Properties Required
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Offers Over £100,000

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- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Gardens, Garage & Off Road Parking

WANTED

Mrs B is a cash buyer and is looking to buy a four bedroom property in Penkridge with a garage up to £300,000.

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WANTED

Mr and Mrs D are looking to buy a bungalow in Heath Hayes or Hednesford, upto £200,000.

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Besom Way, Cheslyn Hay 01543 406302



£240,000

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage & Off Road Parking

Broadway, Hednesford 01543 406302



£110,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden & Off Road Parking

WANTED

Mr J is looking for a three/four bedroom house with an en-suite in Heath Hayes or Huntington upto £180,000.

Can you help?

Call Kerry on
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Alston Close, Cannock 01543 406302



£175,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
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- Garage & Off Road Parking

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£320,000

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Ling Road, Cannock 01543 406302



£50,000

- Detached Park Home
- One Bedroom
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- No Chain

WANTED

Miss S is looking for a three bedroom house in Hednesford to be near her daughters school.

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Lowland Road, Cannock 01543 406302



£90,000

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Miss K needs a house in Cannock Town Centre with a downstairs WC and parking.

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Conservatory

Three Bedrooms
Games Room
EPC D

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- No Upward Chain
- Three Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- EPC

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Garage

Three Bedrooms
Conservatory
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Breakfast Kitchen
Three Further Bedrooms

Modern Townhouse in Village Location
Master Bedroom with En Suite
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Detached Family Home
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Cul De Sac Location
Breakfast Kitchen
EPC RATING D

Greenheath Road, Hednesford

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Games Room

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Four Reception Rooms
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No Chain

Three Bedrooms
Conservatory
EPC

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Offers Around £249,950

Detached Family Home
Two Bathrooms
Two Bathrooms

Four Bedrooms
Two Reception Rooms
EPC

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EPC Rating

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Car is good for tax bills!

By Ian Donaldson

BUYING most of BMW's range involved a healthy dose of heart as well as head – they are mostly cars aimed at people who love driving.

Well, here's one that might make you phone your accountant before signing on the dotted line. He might then tell you to choose a different model.

The big X5 is now available with an electric motor to assist the petrol engine and save a bit of fuel in the right circumstances. It will cost. But it might not, and you would then be better off buying the diesel, which costs only £215 more, goes faster and might actually save you money on longer journeys.

But here's where the accountant comes in; because the new X5 puts out such tiny

amounts of tailpipe emissions in the official tests it qualifies for zero road tax and – more important for all the business people who fancy one – there's a £2,711 saving in benefit in kind each year.

Annoyingly, the emissions are a tiny bit too high (by a measly 2g/km) for the car to dodge the London congestion charge and the same minute tailpipe excess means the car does not qualify for a government plug-in car grant, which would lop £5,000 off the price now and £2,500 off from March, when the rules tighten.

This hybrid X5 costs £52,105 for the SE or £56,705 for the M Sport version on test.

Topping a dead battery to full takes less than four hours from a domestic plug, about an hour less if you have a BMW Wallbox installed. The car can then be ordered to mix petrol and current in the most economical way, save all its battery for later or combine the two power sources for maximum urge.

Of which there is plenty. And so back to the heart; where you find a car that looks precisely like the diesel equivalent with some modestly different badging and a flap in a front wing where you plug in the charging lead.

Even lumbered with the extra weight of a bigish battery (which robs the boot of a little room under the floor and means you can't have this X5 with a third row of seats) this is a car that flies when you prod both power sources into action – less than six seconds to 60 is brisk in anyone's book.

Driven like that, you'll exhaust the battery in minutes. With a little restraint you can drive up to 40mph-ish on flat roads on electrical power alone and get somewhere like the 19 miles a full charge can offer.

BMW reckons 80 per cent of journeys with an X5 are less than 19 miles (station



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For all the business people who fancy one – there's a £2,711 saving in benefit-in-kind each year
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car park and back, anyone?) and used like that your travelling expenses will be negligible.

With commendable honesty, BMW then adds that a 40 mile daily round trip should return up to 47mpg, but stray into longer distance territory (125 miles and up) and economy tumbles to 27mpg.

That's more economical than the petrol X5 with similar performance, says its maker; perhaps missing the point that the 3.0 litre diesel would do better. Which is why buyers go for it, of course. In petrol-focused China and the States the argument

for the X5 hybrid makes more compelling sense.

It remains a decent drive in any case; a car built seemingly from a piece of solid steel, so tough does it feel. It's big, but you soon learn not to fear multi-storey car park ramps and Waitrose parking bays; sitting tall helps here.

Standard spec is generous, with full leather trim, xenon headlights, metallic paint, fine sat nav, big alloys, cruise, powered tailgate and parking sensors front and rear. As ever, there are options galore to tempt you to spend a bit more.



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Light, handy and fun ride

By John Griffiths

Modern, sculpted good looks apart, there's not too many surprises in the package that makes up Honda's new middleweight contender in the roadster class, the CB650F.

But it's nevertheless an excellent, value-for-money machine at £6,399 which is likely to attract admiring glances in the bikers' cafe car park and provide lots of fun on the road.

Honda's previous middleweights, the CBF600 and the Hornet 600, were based on the running gear of the company's CBR sports machine but with the engine retuned to produce more usable power in the low to middle areas of the rev range.

The new CB650, with 86bhp on tap, gets the same treatment. It sits neatly between its two predecessors in terms of outright power with a theoretical top speed of 130mph (theoretical except on the track, that is).

It's particularly well balanced so that it feels lighter than its 208kgs suggests.

While it's lighter than some of its four cylinder rivals, it's slimmer too and comes with a reasonable 810mm seat height, factors which combine to make it feel particularly agile around town as well as on the open road.

The electronic fuel injection provides for smooth, progressive and controllable power delivery through the slick, six-speed gearbox.

While the maximum horses are unleashed at 11,000rpm, the engine remap

means peak torque is available a lot lower down – about 8,000rpm. Indeed, you don't even need that big a twist of the right wrist – at anything above 4,000rpm in almost any gear the CB650 leaps forward to make the most of overtaking opportunities. Such a wide power band makes it very rideable in everyday road conditions.

Once on the move, the CB650 is a bit of a revelation. I've ridden dedicated sports bikes which feel heavier and slower to change direction as you flick left and right through the twisty bits.

It's pretty much effortless, and comfortable too as the bars are set wide and high for a pleasant, upright riding position which reduces strain on the neck and back.

Comfortable

The twin seat is well-shaped and comfortable, and you get grab handles for a pillion passenger as well as luggage hooks.

At motorway speeds there is surprisingly little buffeting for a naked bike.

I do struggle with some of the intricacies of aerodynamics but it may be that the Honda engineers have it cracked with just a small, well-shaped 'pod' around the headlight to deflect the wind.

It was certainly a contrast to another 'naked' bike I had ridden only the day before, where 20 miles along a motorway left me feeling wind battered and with aching arms. This had only a big round headlight to bash its way through the air.

Behind the headlight pod is the new electronic instrument cluster: a large and clear digital speedo in the centre of an analogue tachometer on the left, with fuel gauge, clock, trip and warning lights on the right.

The brakes are well up to the task, with



Excellent, value-for-money machine at £6,399 which is likely to attract admiring glances.

twin 320mm 'wavy' discs at the front and 240mm disc at the rear. The lever action is nicely progressive with plenty of 'feel'.

With a 17.3 litre fuel tank, you get adequate range with an estimated average consumption of between 45 and 50mpg, depending on conditions (and, of course, how you ride).

The 17-inch cast aluminium wheels are shod with 120/70 rubber at the front,

and 180/55 at the rear. The CB650F has aggressive, 'streetfighter' looks which to some extent disguise the fact that it's rather benign and easy to ride, with plenty of performance to satisfy most riders' requirements in this category.

Light and handy for manoeuvring around town, it's also more fun than you might expect from a 650 on winding A and B roads.

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Struggling with parking?

New research shows that one in five qualified drivers (18 per cent), said they doubted their current driving skills would get them past an examiner – a figure which increased with age to peak at 24 per cent of over 65s.

Research conducted by Young Driver, which provides driving lessons for 10 to 17 year olds, questioned more than 1,000 UK drivers on skills relating to some of the best-known driving manoeuvres.

Twenty eight per cent of drivers said they struggled to parallel park, with a further one in four (25 per cent), admitting that reversing into a parking bay was a challenge they preferred to avoid. For female drivers these figures increased to 36 and 30 per cent respectively.

Worryingly, a quarter of all drivers (26 per cent) said they regularly parked some

distance from where they needed to be in order to get an 'easier' car parking space which didn't require as much skill. One in six drivers (16 per cent) admitted they often felt nervous when it came to parking – rising to one in four (26 per cent) 18 to 25 year olds.

And it seems it's not just parking which causes issues – one in six (16 per cent) admitted they struggle to complete a turn in the road without needing to undertake significantly more manoeuvres than the traditional three-point turn.

Young Driver, the UK's largest provider of pre-17 driving lessons, has produced a series of 'How To' videos to help drivers master everything from parallel parking to reversing round a corner. And although they were produced for 10 to 17 year olds, the group's research shows they are just as useful for parents needing a refresher too.

Kim Stanton, head of Young Driver, said: "When you learn to drive you are taught specific techniques to help you get your parking and reversing spot on, every time.



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But once you pass your test, unless you continue to use these techniques, the skills can quickly fade. Our new research shows that before long, many drivers are actively avoiding having to try, even if it means parking a long way from their destination and walking the rest of the way to avoid certain parking spaces!

"We produced a selection of 'How To' videos to help our pupils, who range in ages from 10 to 17, by giving them a chance to study the key techniques online before and after their lessons. But it seems our new video training might be handy for mums and dads too, with many current

drivers needing to brush up their skills! Tricky parking spots can often be avoided, but what about when it comes to life-and-death situations such as emergency stops? Many of us say we can't remember the last time we had to perform one in real life – which is obviously a good thing – but are we confident we could do it correctly if the need arose?"

Young Driver's series of 'how to' videos are available free at www.youngdriver.eu/howto and include how to reverse park in a bay, parallel parking, reversing round a corner, emergency stops and a turn in the road.

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The 'Greatest Ever Hot Hatch' was unveiled by triple BTCC Champion Matt Neal at the Performance Car Show following a comprehensive selection and reader voting contest, revealing the overwhelming winner was . . . the giant-beating Peugeot 205 GTi.

The top-ten finalists were displayed as part of new 'Hot Hatch Nirvana' display at the Performance Car Show, part of Autosport International, held at the NEC in Birmingham.

A display called 'Evolution of the Hot Hatch' featured an unrivalled collection of iconic cars that have come to define and evolve the genre over decades.

Following a global poll, the Peugeot 205 GTi emerged as the winner and was duly crowned the 'Greatest Ever Hot Hatch'. The 205 GTi saw off some of the most popular hatchbacks of all time to claim the accolade, having been part of a shortlist of 50. This shortlist was drawn up by a group of renowned automotive experts from two of the UK's most respected and notable motoring titles.

Autocar's editor-in-chief, Steve Copley and road test editor, Matt Prior, PistonHeads.com Editor, Dan Trent as well as Autocar contributing editor and overall curator, Richard Bremner came together to compile the list of contenders, which then went to a public vote.

The final top 10 features some of the most iconic and desired cars of the last four decades.

The Lancia Delta HF Integrale Evolution 1 finished as a worthy runner-up to the 205 GTi, while the most recognised Ford Escort of all time – the RS Cosworth from the mid-1990s – completed a prestigious podium.

The final top ten:

- Peugeot 205 GTi 1.6
- Lancia Delta HF Integrale
- Ford Escort RS Cosworth
- VW Golf GTi Mk1
- Renault Clio Williams
- Renault Clio 182 Trophy
- VW Golf GTi Mk2
- Renault 5 GT Turbo
- Ford Focus RS Mk1
- Talbot Lotus Sunbeam

Hot Hatch Nirvana curator Richard Bremner said of the winner: "The Peugeot 205 GTi was unbeatable for its sheer rev-happy, go-hard verve and subtly perfect styling. Lightning-quick gearshifts, urgent power delivery, blade-sharp steering and deliciously driftable handling made the 205 an overnight hot hatch king. And it was practical, too. For many it has never been bettered as its victory in this PistonHeads and Autocar readers' vote confirms."

Mark Pickles, Peugeot UK marketing director, said: "Peugeot is blessed to have a rich and extensive history, with a portfolio of iconic cars."

"They remain accessible and true to our values of motion and emotion. The 205 GTi was launched in 1985 and the enthusiastic following it has enjoyed ever since still influences the affection for the brand, most notably with the GT and GTi models we offer in our current line-up."

GTi: three letters that symbolise an entire niche of cars and among them one of Peugeot's most famous models ever. Short for Grand Tourer Injection, GTi has become a virtual acronym for the hot hatch.

The 205 GTi was launched in 1985 and helped make the Peugeot brand synonymous with the hot hatch movement of the mid-1980s.

Offered with 1.6 and 1.9-litre engines – the latter of which developed 130bhp from 1987 onwards – and weighing just 850kg, the 205 GTi offered sports-car rivaling pace coupled with the practicality and versatility of a small family car.

The performance version of the popular 205 (5,278,050 were produced), the 'pocket-rocket' attracted a very strong and enthusiastic following that led to 294,514 being made between 1985 and 1994. Some 62,226 of them found customers in the UK. Produced in both 1.6 and 1.9-litre versions, the 205 GTi road car drew plenty of critical acclaim for its driving experience, engaging handling and affordable smiles-per-mile.

As well as being a monumental sales success, the 205 GTi was also highly credited in the motor sport world, in the guise of the awesome and accomplished 205 T16 – the first mid-engined hatchback, which convincingly won the 1985 and 1986 World Rally Championship and then the Paris-Dakar Rally in 1987 and 1988.



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Sportage sprints ahead

Commercial feature

In the space of just a few years, Kia's Sportage appears to have gone from inconspicuous to indispensable. This fourth generation car now packs in more equipment, tidies the styling, sharpens the dynamics a tad but keeps the same value, practicality and great aftersales care. The motto here seems to be 'If it aint broke, give it a better stereo'.

This fourth generation model carries over many of the mechanicals of its predecessor, but adds some new technology too.

The petrol range is made up of a normally aspirated 1.6-litre GDI 132PS unit and a much pokier T-GDI turbo 177PS powerplant. Go for the T-GDI variant and you get the brand's latest seven-speed DCT dual-clutch automatic gearbox. Most Sportage buyers though, will probably want a diesel. For buy-

ers wanting to fuel from the black pump, the range starts with a 115PS 1.7-litre CRDi variant. Above that, there's a 2.0-litre CRDi option, offered with a choice of 136PS or 184PS power outputs. Whatever engine you decide on, you'll find refinement levels have been improved over the third generation model.

As before, buyers get a choice of both front and four wheel drive models, with changes to steering and suspension promising a slightly more involving on-tarmac experience. If that's a priority for you, then you might want to look at one of the GT Line variants, which are supposed to feature sharper, more athletic handling and deliver a slightly firmer ride.

The front end of this MK4 model Sportage is the biggest change over the outgoing model, thanks to smarter headlamps that sit just above a bolder, lower, wider version of Kia's hallmark 'tiger-nose' grille. These lights are now positioned higher, sweeping back along the outer edges of the sharply-detailed bonnet. The result is a more imposing appearance and a more stable-looking stance, despite this model retaining the same 1,855mm



This fourth generation model carries over many of the mechanicals of its predecessor, but adds some new technology

width as its predecessor. It's 40mm longer though – and more aerodynamic.

At the rear, this fourth generation Sportage features more horizontal forms and clearly defined feature lines, with smooth bodywork on the tailgate, emphasising the car's width and giving this compact SUV a more stable appearance.

Inside, there's a completely new interior, with higher quality materials and a central console that cascades downwards and is tilted 10 degrees towards the driver.

The 30mm increase in this model's wheelbase means that the cabin is more

spacious too, with greater headroom front and rear. At the back, the seats recline further than before for greater long distance comfort. Out back, bootspace is up from the previous model's 465-litre total to 503-litres here.

Have the updates and quality upgrades made to this fourth generation Kia Sportage been sufficient to keep buyers loyal? We suspect that there's more than enough here to keep existing customers loyal. Ultimately, it's a car you sit in and wonder just how a Toyota RAV4 can be worth around £5,000 more. That says it all.



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Well-priced and quality make SUV a great buy

By Sharon Walters

It's not all that long ago that marques such as Kia were seen as the cheap and not always necessarily cheerful option – well at least in the likes of my generation!

Now nothing could be further from the truth. Kia produces well-built, stylish, reasonably priced vehicles that have one of the best warranty systems around.

Things started to change for the company in the late 1990s and began in earnest in 2006 with a design-led revolution following the appointment of Peter Schreyer as chief design officer. That was the start of Phase I of Kia's move away from being primarily focused on value. And now we are in Phase II which is seeing Kia match and surpass not only customer expectations but also the world's best car marques for engineering, technology, refinement and quality.

One car that has gone through these changes is the Kia Sorento which first appeared in 2002 as the brand's first full-size SUV. Now in its third generation, the 4x4 is bigger and better than ever before – as I found out in a week-long road test in which I really put it through its paces.

The entry level at £28,795 comes loaded with standard kit although there's only one engine to choose from, and all cars come with standard four-wheel drive with manual and automatic gearboxes options.

The 2.2-litre version of Kia's R-family turbodiesel engine, which meets EU6 emissions requirements, has plenty of pull with 197bhp and can get from 0 to 60mph in nine seconds with a top speed possible of 124mph. On motorway driving it cruises very comfortably at 70mph with the reassurance of being aware it has that bit of 'extra' if you need to get out of any trouble. And although it's a far-sized car, it copes well with winding rural and pot-holed covered roads. By the way, those are the conditions of the majority of my 25-mile commute to the office each day.

Anticipates

Sorento features the Dynamax all-wheel-drive system first seen in Kia's Sportage. This is an intelligent, electronically controlled all-wheel-drive system which continuously monitors driving conditions and anticipates when all-wheel drive will be needed, rather than simply reacting to changing conditions. Normally it delivers 100 per cent of engine torque to the front wheels, but the torque can be redistributed up to a maximum of 60:40 front-to-rear to enhance cornering stability or if road conditions deteriorate. For off-road driving, owners can manually select lock mode, which gives a 50:50 torque split at speeds of up to 25mph. In the Sorento it is paired with Advanced Traction Cornering Control (ATCC).

There are four trim levels, badged KX-1, KX-2, KX-3 and KX-4. Depending on model, buyers have the choice of six-speed manual or automatic transmission.

All four trim grades have seven seats, now with a 40:20:40 split in the middle row and a 50:50 split in the rear. The third row of seats fold flush into the boot floor, while the second row also folds flat by pulling a handle in the boot and can slide back and forth to accommodate larger passengers in the third row. And it really is easy to fold and move those seats. I loaded my Sorento with friends to gauge the comfort level and even those in the very back said the ride was good and they didn't feel packed in like sardines. Equally I did a trip to a DIY store (not one of my favourite places), put the seats down and found it to be a very good load lugger.

Depending on model, the Sorento features a number of highly advanced new safety and convenience technologies including adaptive smart cruise control to maintain a gap to the vehicle ahead, speed limit information, around-view monitoring, cross traffic alert to prevent the owner from backing out of a parking space into the path of an approaching vehicle, a smart park assist system, lane departure warning with blind spot detection and self-dimming adaptive front lighting.

Extensive standard features include alloy wheels, black side sill and wheel-arch mouldings, roof rails and a rear spoiler, cornering lights integrated into the foglights, LED daytime running lights, front wiper de-icers, electrically-adjustable, folding and heated door mirrors, door sill scuff plates, steering wheel-mounted controls, all-round electric windows and cruise control with speed limiter. Safety is taken care of by electronic stability control, vehicle stability management, trailer assist, ABS with electronic brake force distribution and brake assist, six airbags, active front head-rests, front seat belt pre-tensioners and load limiters and an active bonnet to protect pedestrians.

And if you do want to tow a horsebox or a caravan, Sorento can manage 2,500kg in manual format and 2,000kg in automatic. Now that is excellent and beats a lot of the opposition in its sector.

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Ford Edge joins SUV UK market

The all-new upscale Ford Edge enters the UK's surging SUV market priced from £29,995.

This sophisticated new SUV from Ford – arriving in Ford dealerships this summer – offers class-leading space for up to five passengers, segment-first technologies and refinement to rival premium competitors. It joins the increasingly popular Ford Kuga 'family-sized' SUV and EcoSport compact SUV to complete Ford's three-car SUV line-up.

Early indications of residual values also reinforce the strength of the Ford Edge, with CAP Gold Book expecting a 180PS 2.0-litre TDCi manual Zetec to retain 56.6 per cent of its new list price, after three years and 30,000 miles.

Andy Barratt, chairman and managing director, Ford of Britain, said: "The introduction of the stylish Ford Edge SUV is another incredibly exciting moment for Ford and its dealers. Joining performance products like Mustang and Focus RS and new luxury products like Mondeo Vignale already in showrooms, the Edge makes the Ford product line-up for 2016 never stronger.

"It will deliver more room for passengers than large competitor SUVs that cost considerably more. The styling and suite of comfort, convenience and safety technologies in Edge rival the premium offerings available in the UK," added Barratt.

Available in Zetec, Titanium and Sport series, the all-new Edge is well-equipped as standard, offering Ford intelligent all-wheel drive, Active Noise Control, Pedestrian Detection, Ford DAB Audio with SYNC 2 connectivity system, privacy glass and 19in alloy wheels. The flagship SUV is offered with a choice of 10 exterior colours including new Electric Spice and Bronze Fire, and is available with a wide range of interior leather trim options.

The all-new Ford Edge exterior is carefully sculpted and athletic with strong 'shoulders' and a muscular, more compact bonnet. To improve efficiency, unique air curtains are positioned on the lower part of the fascia to guide air from the front of the vehicle, out through the front wheel wells and down the vehicle side.

The interior has been designed with high-quality materials throughout, including soft-touch trims on the dashboard and centre console, high-gloss piano black surrounds on the switch bezels and a satin silver metal finish for the door handles, air vent bezels, glovebox trim and steering wheel detailing. The spacious Edge is also offered with heated and cooled front seats and heated rear seats from the Titanium series.

The Edge will be offered in the UK with a choice of 180PS 2.0-litre TDCi diesel engine with six-speed manual transmission, or 210PS bi-turbo 2.0-litre TDCi diesel with six-speed PowerShift automatic transmission. Both powertrains will aim to deliver 48.7mpg fuel efficiency and 149g/km CO2 supported by Auto-Start-Stop technology.

All-new Edge will offer new Ford technologies, including Adaptive Steering, which automatically optimises the steering response according to vehicle speed, making it easy to manoeuvre at low speeds, while remaining precise and intuitive at higher speeds; and Front Wide View Camera, which makes restricted visibility junctions or parking spaces easier to negotiate.

Edge debuts segment-first Pre-Collision Assist with Pedestrian Detection; a camera- and radar-based system that can operate at speeds from 5mph to 110mph to detect vehicles and people in the road ahead. The system can automatically apply the brakes if a potential collision is detected and the driver does not respond to warnings.

The Edge will also feature Ford's Intelligent All-Wheel Drive (AWD) technology as standard, delivering a seamless transition between front-wheel drive and all-wheel drive performance to provide a more secure footing on the road especially in slippery conditions.

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Adventure with the advancing Avensis

By Sharon Walters

Car manufacturers make a fairly big song and dance of claiming how they take notice of what buyers of their cars want when they upgrade. They canvass brand loyalty customers and trumpet their findings. And generally they do incorporate major concerns which they see as an improvement to their products – obviously taking into account cost.

Toyota go one further and not only talk to buyers who have crossed the threshold of their showrooms but also drivers of other cars as well. The Japanese firm did this with the latest Avensis and appear to have listened well and used the information to make what was a good product even better.

And what is good news for the UK is the car is made at Toyota's long-established plant near Derby – as have more than 1,711 Avensis across four generations that have appeared on European roads since the original was launched in late 1997. Plus the car was designed and engineered at Toyota's European development centre. Japanese by name but not by nature.

This latest version saw a new style, new engines and some pretty innovative technology. Toyota has always been known for quality, durability and reliability and that has been continued and further improved upon.

Avensis has appealed to both private and the fleet/business market but the latter has always taken the lion's share. Both revealed they wanted prestige, luxury and elegance and they have certainly got it. Saloon and tourer were targeted with five main areas of improvement:

- Styling
- Sensory quality and comfort
- Safety
- Equipment and value for money
- Driving pleasure and running costs

Avensis has two diesel engines at the heart of its range: a 1.6 unit and a 2.0-litre. I drove the 2.0 litre Tourer which, if you are a business user, produces 124g/km giving an initial 22 per cent BIK rate. You also get more than 68mpg in an extra urban driving cycle according to claimed figures by Toyota. I didn't quite achieve that. But on one of my regular visits north of the border I did get fairly close. Not to be sniffed at in a 408 mile journey combining motorways (and hold-ups), city and rural driving. It positively soaked up the motorway driving with little cabin noise intrusion and a smooth ride, as indeed it was on the winding country roads.

Quality

Inside the cabin is well laid out and high quality with very comfortable seats and an excellent smart driver's information display and media system. I know some people sneer at this but there are also plenty of cubbyholes and decent sized glovebox – I despair at some of the totally useless 'slots' left in some cars. Better to do away with the glovebox altogether. And joy of joys, a space saver tyre!

Active and Excel grades mark the entry point and top of the range with Business Edition and Business Edition Plus versions at the heart of the line-up. Across the board, specifications secure high levels of safety, comfort and convenience, not least with the standard provision of Toyota Safety Sense integrated active safety features on all models.

Key features of the Active grade include Pre-Crash Safety system with Autonomous Emergency Braking, cruise control, air conditioning, six-speaker CD/radio audio, Bluetooth, auto-dimming rear-view mirror, LED rear and daytime running lights and power windows.

Business Edition adds to this strong foundation with the Toyota Touch 2 with Go touchscreen multimedia and navigation system, digital/DAB audio package with eight-inch display, reversing camera, front fog lights, rain-sensing wipers, dusk-sensing headlights, automatic air conditioning, 17-inch alloy wheels and part-Alcantara seat upholstery. The active safety features extend to Automatic High Beam, Lane Departure Warning and Road Sign Assist.

Business Edition Plus delivers further premium features including leather upholstery with Alcantara inserts, front fog lights with a cornering function, LED headlamps, smart entry and rear privacy glass. The LED daytime running lights gain light guides, creating a distinctive lighting signature.

At the top of the range, Excel grade adopts Toyota Touch 2 with Go Plus, adding more sophisticated navigation functions and access to additional connected services. The specification also embraces a 10-speaker audio system, full leather seat upholstery, electrically adjustable front seats with heaters and adaptive headlights that adjust automatically to improve illumination through bends and turns. The Excel Touring Sports gains a panoramic roof. And that was lovely for letting plenty of light in and making the cabin appear even more spacious.

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Smooth cat is stylish, sleek and fuel-efficient

By John Griffiths

It's a challenge to design a 'clean sheet' new car that is better than its predecessor but still screams out the heritage and core values of its makers.

But that is the new Jaguar XF – sleek and sporty style that couldn't really be anything else but a 'Big Cat' with more than a hint of its flagship big brother, the XJ.

Yet it isn't all about show or brand identity, as under the skin it is entirely new, packed with the latest technology to make it a daunting prospect for its premium brand German rivals. The new XF has grace and pace: coupe looks but with a bigger, more luxurious interior with the latest in high tech toys to keep you entertained and in touch.

It is based around the latest Wolverhampton-built Ingenium turbo diesel engine which produces plenty of power while significantly cutting fuel consumption and CO2 emissions, potentially saving its owners thousands of pounds in VED and benefit-in-kind tax.

With new, slipperier aerodynamics and aluminium architecture replacing the old steel construction – the XF has shed some 190kgs – the figures are impressive. With the lowest powered (163PS) engine and manual gearbox they are more than 70mpg and a mere 104g/km – much more super-mini territory than executive express. Even the 180PS option with eight speed auto transmission the figures are an average 65.7mpg and a lowly 114g/km. Those compare with 129g/km for the old car, so the tax advantages are obvious.

With competitive insurance ratings and new measures to cut the cost of repairs, the XF now goes to the top of its class when it comes to benefit in kind tax, residual values and whole life costs.

I love design when form and function come together in perfect harmony. While the new XF has much more sporting lines, that's true of its behaviour, too.

Weight

The basis of its improved dynamics start with its lighter weight of its aluminium structure, which is also 25 per cent stiffer so that steering and suspension work to the optimum.

Plus it's slightly shorter – not by much, admittedly – but that's combined with a longer wheelbase and significantly shorter front overhang. While that helps to improve handling, and enhancing the XF's coupe-like good looks, it also allowed the engineers to build a car with more generous levels of head, knee and legroom for rear seat passengers.

At the same time, they have endowed the braking system with more pedal feel for the driver, and upgraded the suspension system.

The range starts at £32,300 for the 163PS manual, while the extra power of the 180PS engine starts costs £500 extra, model for model.

For those who want even more go there are two V6 range toppers – a 300PS turbo diesel and a 380PS petrol, both of which only come with the ZF eight-speed auto gearbox.

The test car was the 180PS automatic in top specification Portfolio trim, which comes in at £39,050.

From the moment you sit down in the big soft leather seats it feels every inch a Jaguar. You're surrounded by soft, stitched leather and wood venees, chrome switch gear and a simplified cockpit layout thanks to central colour touch-screen and digital instrument display.

It pulls away smoothly and in virtual silence, but once you reach the open road you get some measure of the XF's pace. It's 180 horses isn't massively powerful by executive car standards, but you have to factor in its light weight to get some measure of how the car performs.

The Portfolio spec car is packed with the latest safety equipment including stability and traction control, hill start assist, autonomous emergency braking, trailer stability control, rear parking sensors, brake pad wear warning and multiple airbags. Climate control, electric windows and a surround sound stereo system add to the standard package.

It also has Jaguar's latest 'InControl' touch screen navigation system with Wifi. Imagine, for example, you're heading for an appointment in a strange city – the system will give you a choice of potential parking spots in the vicinity and, once parked, switches seamlessly to your smartphone to guide you to your final destination.

The Jaguar's digital instruments are extremely clear and easy to read in all lights, but I confess I find myself increasingly seduced by the 'head up display' in cars. Jaguar charges an extra £1,220 for its laser-operated 'HUD' but for me it's money well spent. Having your actual speed, the current speed limit and block diagrams of the next junction displayed in clear symbols in front of you is a really boost for safety and convenience when navigating unfamiliar territory.

The new XF is arguably one of the most sleek and stylish or the executive saloons. With the major changes under the skin, it's also now one of the most cost-efficient of the breed, too.



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deaths

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Passed away January 20, 2016, aged 73 years.

The Funeral Service will take place at Lichfield & District Crematorium, Fradley (WS13 8RS) at 11.30am, Monday, February 8.

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BATES

Margaret Jenny

Passed away on January 29, 2016 at Stafford Hospital, aged 87 years.

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Wife Maisie.

Dad

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R.I.P

Love Step Daughter Carol and Tony.

Grandad and Great Grandad
A heart of gold stopped beating, two shining eyes at rest.

God broke our hearts to prove He only takes the best.

Love Kay, Mark, Andrew, Sarah, Lauren, Josh, Ben, Tom and Max.

BIRD

Harold

Of Cannock.

Passed away in hospital on January 27, 2016, aged 89 years.

Reunited with his devoted Wife Anna and beloved Dad of Jean, also a loving Grandad, Great-Grandad, Father-in-law and Friend.

Service will be held at St. Peters Church, Hednesford, on Thursday, February 11, at 10am, followed by interment at Stile Cop Cemetery.

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Ivan was much loved and will be missed dearly by all of his Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at Holy Trinity Church, Short Heath at 1.30pm, followed by Committal Service at Bushbury Crematorium, East Chapel.

Donations, if so desired, for Cancer Research and British Heart Foundation.

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EDGINGTON

Kevin James

Passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving Family on Monday, January 25, 2016, aged 66 years.

Kevin was much loved and will be missed dearly by all of his Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will take place on Thursday, February 11, 2016, at Bushbury Crematorium (East Chapel), at 1.45pm.

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HALES

Tracey

Sadly passed away surrounded by her loving Family on Tuesday, January 11, 2016, aged 52 years.

Tracey was much loved and will be missed dearly by all of her Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will take place on Monday, February 8, 2016, at 10.15am, at St Marks Church, Great Wyrley, followed by a Committal Service at Bushbury Crematorium.

Donations, if so desired for St Giles Hospice and Air Ambulance.

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HOPLEY

Bill

Passed away peacefully January 24, 2016, aged 81 years.

He will be very sadly missed by all his loving Family and Friends.

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Pauline

Formerly Hayes.

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EMERY

Gary

Of Hednesford, late of Heath Hayes.

Passed away peacefully at St. Giles Hospice after a long illness on January 22, 2016 aged 58 years.

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Service will be held at St. Peter's Church, Hednesford on Tuesday, February 9, at 12.30pm, followed by Committal at Stafford Crematorium.

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Dennis
Late of Heath Hayes.

Passed away peacefully at Manor Hospital, on Friday, January 29, 2016, aged 88 years.

Dennis will be sadly missed by all his Loving Family.

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WINFER
Gladys
Of Cannock.

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February 3.

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Sheila
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Love Brian (Husband)

in memoriam



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Mom

Thelma

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acknowledgements

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Pat

Marion and Family would like to thank everyone for their support and donations of £876.

Special thanks to A.J. Sellmans for the funeral arrangements and the Beautiful Service.

MILOSEVIC

Ilija

The Family of Ilija Milosevic (Michael) would like to thank Family, Neighbours and Friends for being present at Dad's Funeral, particular thanks go to Jackie, Karl and all Dad's Friends from Longford Social Club, Pat (Horribins Butchers) for the buffet, Sellman Funeral Directors, Sally and Milica for their help with traditions and special thanks to Uncle Andy, for delivering the touching eulogy.

Thank you all for the beautiful flowers and generous donations that we will pass on to a Children's Charity.

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Dated: 5th February, 2016

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 17 OF LICENSING ACT 2003

Notice is hereby given that an application has been made to: Cannock Chase District Council By: Mr P Beaman For: The Station Above Cannock Shopping Centre Stafford Road Cannock

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Hurley exit as Spartans are felled by the Oak

MORGAN Hurley grabbed top billing as **Ridware Oak** felled **Chase Spartans** to reach the semi-finals of the Cannock Chase League Premier Cup.

Hurley led the victory charge with a hat-trick in a 4-1 win.

Hawkins Sports joined Oak in the last four following a 3-2 success against **The Littleton**.

Dave Love and Paul Dutton proved too hot to handle as **Lea Hall Bell** called the tune in the Division One semi-finals.

Love found the net four times while Dutton bagged a hat-trick in Lea Hall's 13-0 success at **Bridgtown Social**.

Matt Novacicvic (2), Lee Sparrow, Mark Jones, Adam Newell and Lee Jancic completed the scoring. **The Talbot** booked their place alongside Lea Hall courtesy of a 4-3 win at **The Victoria**.

AFC Winding Wheel boosted their Division Two promotion bid by taming White Lion 4-3. **AFC Greenheath** beat Burntwood 3-2 win over **Burntwood**.

Athletic Traff beat **Cheslyn Hay** 4-1 while **Hawkins Inex** came out on top of a thrilling clash with **Oily's FC**, winning 5-3

A four-goal salvo from Dave Harvey fired leaders **The Bell** to another Division Three success.

Harvey's blast and a strike from Sean Hawkins saw The Bell win 5-1 at **AFC Peartree**.

Second-placed **AFC Piper** enjoyed a 5-2 home success over **Darlaston Why Not**.

AFC Essington enjoyed their trip to **KWD Sports** as they returned home with all three points 4-1. **Railway Tavern** slipped to a 3-2 reverse at home to **Saddlers Arms**.

Ismail out as McAlinden is put on standby

FRINGE player Liam McAlinden is staying at Wolves for the time being – with Kenny Jackett unwilling to let him go in the midst of an injury crisis.

Jackett is without a host of first-team regulars and that means 22-year-old Cannock-born McAlinden, who spent the first half of the season on loan at League One Shrewsbury Town, is needed as cover.

"Liam, we just can't let go at the moment," said Jackett.

"There are loans for him, but we can't let him go with our lack of options up front."

Jackett, however, has allowed 22-year-old winger Zell Ismail join Oxford United on a month-long.

Ismail is down the pecking order at Molineux and is out of contract in the summer.

County pipped as London go top

STAFFORDSHIRE were pipped to the post as London returned to the top of the BDO darts British Inter-Counties Championship Division Two, knocking the West Midlands out of first place, **writes Craig Birch**.

Staffordshire put up a fight before going down 22-17, falling to fifth. They next go to Berkshire this Saturday and Sunday to play at the Britwell Ex-Servicemen's Club.

The county darters took to the oche at the White Eagle Club in Riverway, Stafford, with the hosts trailing after the women's B affairs.

That side went down 5-1, Michelle Colcolough mustering Staffordshire's only reply, beating Steph

Stutley.London's Lynne Biondini got 17.99, seeing off a spirited challenge from Ann Price (16.40) that went to a 3-2 last leg decider.

Staffordshire redressed the balance and were level after the men's B clashes, in which the home side ran out 8-4 winners.

Staffordshire were on course for victory after the women's A meetings, where they reversed the female B result 5-1.

Diane Tolley racked up 21.80 for a 3-1 result over Stutley, playing twice for the visitors, while Casey Gallagher hit back for London in the last game against Row Sidley.

But a dramatic collapse for Staffordshire's men's

A line-up cost them dearly, a 9-3 drubbing handing London the match. Play was upgraded to the best-of-seven format.

Steven Ferguson shone for the guests with the highest average of the weekend, an impressive 31.31 which whitewashed Jamie Dunsdon 4-0.

John Burgess and Martin Wheawall both had 28.75 in victories for Staffordshire, Burgess beating Steve Douglas 4-3 while Wheawall overcome Diogo Portela 4-1.

Karl Merchant vanquished Tommy Sanwell for the hosts 4-3, before London won five games in row until Wheawall's response. They finished on top 19-17, with an three extra points for the winning side.

Back in hunt after single-goal victory

**Cannock Ladies 1sts 1
Birmingham Uni Ladies 2nds 0**

A SOLITARY goal was enough to put Cannock back into the promotion race.

Cannock started tentatively and had to absorb a lot of pressure from the lively students.

However Cannock gave as good as they got and both sides struggled to break the deadlock until, from a breakaway, Nic Martin reverse bunted the ball over the keeper.

Birmingham Uni fought back but saw their best effort saved on the line by Cannock's newest squad member Leah Redfern and were no doubt frustrated by an excellent goalkeeping display from man of the match Liz Mahon.

**Birmingham Uni Ladies 3rds 1
Cannock Ladies 2nds 1**

A DRAMATIC encounter against third-placed Birmingham Uni ended all-square on Saturday.

The last time the two sides met was back in October, where the students won 3-0.

Here, Cannock made a slow start, while Birmingham dominated the early exchanges and looked threatening on the attack. However as the first half continued, Cannock began to grow into the game and were looking dangerous on the counter.

Bethan Till came close to opening the scoring in the first period, only to find her effort cleared off the line by a Birmingham defender.

The second half saw Cannock slowly beginning to dominate proceedings and forcing Birmingham back into their own half. Cannock won a number of short corners, but could not make the most of the opportunities. As the second half wore on, Cannock continued to build the pressure but could not create any meaningful chances.

Five minutes from time, Birmingham finally broke the deadlock with a top-class finish into the top corner. The final minutes proved frantic as Cannock pushed hard for an equaliser and after some great build up play on the left, Amy Booth provided a neat finish, earning a deserved point to take Cannock closer to safety.

**Other results: Harbourne Ladies 2nds 4
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Saddlers move into top two again



Andy Taylor goes for goal. The left back scored the Saddlers second goal at Doncaster

Doncaster 1 Walsall 2

SEAN O'Driscoll enjoyed a winning return to former club Doncaster as Walsall secured a 2-1 victory to move back into the automatic promotion spots.

Second-half goals from Sam Mantom and Andy Taylor secured the crucial win at the Keepmoat Stadium which moves the Saddlers into second in League One.

Following a first half dominated by the hosts, Walsall were fortunate to get to the break all-square.

But the Saddlers took the lead through Mantom's fifth goal of the season on the hour mark.

The 23-year-old did excellently to brush off a number of challenges and get to the edge of the box before unleashing an unstoppable strike.

Five minutes later the score was 2-0. A corner routine straight from the training ground bamboozled the Doncaster defence with Romaine Sawyers then sending in a low cross. The ball was cleared as far as Taylor and he kept his composure to fire home.

Doncaster brought themselves back into the game with 10 minutes remaining when Liam Mandeville curled a wonderful strike into the bottom corner. But Walsall hung on.

Jeers ring loud as lead is let slip by Wolves

Wolves 2 Bolton 2

WELL they couldn't say they hadn't been warned.

Wolves may have been sitting pretty at 2-0 up with just 12 minutes to go – but that scoreline was an unjust reflection.

Lowly Bolton had been on top for almost all of the second half.

But it was still a shock to see Wolves crumble so meekly, conceding in the 81st and 90th minutes to goals from Wellington Silva and Stephen Dobbie.

Joe Mason became an instant hero with a debut goal in just the third minute. Wolves remained in front and then added to it thanks to a wonderful goal from substitute James Henry.

On a bitterly cold Molineux evening, the home fans needed warming up – and in the third minute – Mason delivered, side-footing into an empty net after Ben Amos saved Bjorn Sigurdarson's effort.

Henry, on for Sigurdarson in the 76th minute, doubled the lead just two minutes later with a special strike.

He rode two challenges on the right wing, cut inside and curled into the bottom far corner.

That should have been that – but Bolton responded by pulling one back just three minutes later, when Wellington Silva ghosted in at the back post with Wolves failing to clear a right-wing cross.

It was the least the Trotters deserved – and not long after they were level. Substitute Dobbie's 25-yard free kick took a wicked deflection off Bath and wrong-footed Ikeme.

It was greeted by loud boos from the home fans.

A step too far as Royals end FA Cup run

Reading 4 Walsall 0

ONE team with aspirations to reach the Premier League. The other with genuine aspirations to reach the Championship.

There may not have been much between Reading and Walsall in this FA Cup fourth-round clash – but there was still enough to see the Royals to a convincing 4-0 victory.

Right up until the 37th minute – when Hal Robson-Kanu put the hosts ahead – Walsall were more than a match for their opponents.

Three minutes later Walsall fell further behind when Matej Vydra tapped home and Danny Williams and Vydra scored again.

Walsall have shown they can compete with teams at that level after beating Nottingham Forest, Brighton and Brentford. This game though, was just one step too far.

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Champions in waiting now clear by 17 points

TITLE hopefuls Hotshots SC bounced back to form as the race for Division One glory in the West Midlands Snooker League heats up.

After their surprise defeat at Landywood last time out, Hotshots maintained their joint top status with a 4-1 home victory against Wednesfield Cons A.

Joint leaders Sedgley Ex-Service A also won 4-1 on the road as they saw off Golden Cue B. Reigning champions Brandhall Labour A are in third and pocketed an impressive 3-2 win at in-form Woodfield Social A.

Champions-elect Cannock Cons A are 17 points clear in Division Two. They took another step towards clinching the title by beating Smethwick Labour 4-1. Forty Four Club A remain in second after edging out Pennfields B 3-2.

Division Three leaders Sedgley WMC C won 3-2 at Willenhall Libs, while second-placed Golden Cue D stuttered as they suffered a 3-2 home reverse at the hands of rock-bottom Coseley Ex-Service.

Runaway Division Four leaders Windsor Transport B beat promotion contenders Bushbury Grid A 3-2. Sedgley Ex-Service D suffered a blow to their promotion challenge when they were derailed by British Rail B 4-1.

In Division Five, second-placed Golden Cue G kept the pressure on leaders Amery and also dented their H team's promotion push by beating them 3-2.

Wolverhampton Electric D are strengthening their grip in third. They triumphed against Pennfields C 3-2.

Division Six leaders Bentley Moor are 12 points clear after a 4-1 victory at RAFA B.

First win of year despite sluggish start

Heath Hayes 3 Bolehall swifts 1
PLAYING their first game for seven weeks, Hayes overcame a very sluggish first half performance to record their first win of the new year.

Swifts had far the better of the first half as the home side struggled to put together any fluent play on an extremely heavy and uneven pitch.

It was no surprise when Tom Lapworth gave Swifts a 10th minute lead when he was allowed to prod home from close range at a corner.

On 39 minutes somewhat against the run of play Dan Scragg equalised for the home side firing home a speculative cross from Harry Phillips.

Hayes took the lead on 73 minutes when visiting keeper Tom McNulty did well to thwart Scragg but Ryan Burns shot home the rebound. Scragg sealed the game in the dying minutes.

Out in Force as countdown begins



Representatives from Staffordshire cricket clubs

STAFFORDSHIRE Cricket have started the countdown to this year's NatWest Cricket-Force weekend.

Clubs from all over the county checked into Staffs' headquarters in Stafford and gained valuable insight from the community development team of Jenny Moore and Kevin Herbert on how to make the most of CricketForce.

The nationwide initiative, which starts on April 1, is designed to bring clubs and their communities closer together, and to spruce up grounds and facilities in preparation for the summer ahead. Dave Leighton of the England and Wales Cricket Board was also

on hand to offer tips from the sport's national governing body.

Jason Britton, Staffordshire Cricket's development director, said: "The meeting was all about trying to raise awareness of some of our national programmes, and how we can support clubs in their quest to provide sustainable cricket in their communities."

Staffs are hosting another club evening at their headquarters tonight (Thursday) starting at 6pm.

For more, contact Jenny Moore on 07845 733546 or at j.moore@staffordshirecricket.co.uk or Kevin Herbert on 07916 351219 or k.herbert@staffordshirecricket.co.uk

13 points unlucky as hosts let lead slip

Burntwood 13 Clee Hill 28 – Midlands 3 West North
BURNTWOOD led 13-0 after the first quarter but that was as good as it got as the Clee Hill forwards exposed some flimsy tackling to complete the double over Ben Holt's side.

Aza Dunet opened the scoring with a penalty goal from the visitors' 22 line after five just minutes. Three minutes later he converted a fine try scored by skipper Holt.

A sign of things to come came on 13 minutes when the visitors' No 8 went on a strong run to take play into the home 22. It needed a good tackle by Craig Seedhouse to deny him.

Dunet kicked his second penalty on 22 minutes for a 13 point lead, but the visitors replied after 28 minutes with a try under the posts, converted. Three minutes later the deficit was reduced to three points courtesy of an easily converted penalty goal.

The half ended with a Seedhouse drop goal attempt from distance which dipped under the crossbar.

Scrambling

Within seven minutes of the restart Clee Hill were ahead. Their forwards made gradual progress downfield before crossing the line from more close quarter play by the forwards.

Burntwood struggled to get out of their own half during the third quarter. Scrambling defence denied the visitors a try but they conceded a penalty goal on 23 minutes.

A third penalty on 32 minutes put Burntwood out of bonus point range and then the outcome was sealed five minutes later as the impressive Clee Hill No 7 ran in under the posts unopposed for a converted try.

There was joy for the 2nd team who won convincingly away to Stone.

The league defeat didn't prevent the club from celebrating its annual dinner and presentation evening post-game.

Members and guests were entertained by guest speaker, former Leicester Tigers, England and British Lions player Tim Stimpson and comedian Jed Stone.

Player of the Year was Ben Holt, Most Improved: Josh Canning, Young Player: Jack Dace and Clubman of the Year was Jimmy Davies.

Frankie spot-on as Penkridge Wynn



Frankie Wynn makes no mistake from the spot for the third Penkridge goal

Barton United 1 Penkridge 4 – Staffs County Senior League Division 2 South

PENKRIDGE made it five league wins out of five, but on a bobbly, boggy pitch, they were pushed all the way by a hardworking Barton side.

The home side stunned the visitors by taking a 12th-minute lead. Ross Smith rolled a routine ball back to Josh Griffin, the ball took

a slight bobble as the keeper took his kick and he only ended up presenting the ball to Barton's Adam Chambers. He coolly lobbed the ball back over Griffin and into the back of the net.

It took until just before the half hour mark for Penkridge to draw level as Jack Lees made no mistake. He then volleyed home his 35th goal of the season before completing his hat-trick in the

73rd minute. Penkridge had two big shouts for penalties waved away in the second half, before the referee did point to the spot on 62.

Frankie Wynn slotted home and Lees' hat-trick, his seventh of the season, completed the scoring.

Penkridge face a Staffs FA Challenge Cup semi-final and the SCSL Division 2 Cup semi-final before a Leek Cup quarter final at either Abbey Hulton or Hanley Town.

Victory over leaders has champions in contention

IN the Aldridge & District Snooker League Premier Division, runaway leaders St Johns had the opportunity to all but end third placed Wednesfield Cons A's two year reign as champions.

Cons had other ideas, though, and ran out 4-1 winners, moving them up into second place and breathing down St Johns' neck.

In Division One, long time challengers Stafford Road B are on their worst run of the season – and at the wrong time – as they slipped into third place, losing 4-1 at Darlaston Cons.

Stafford Road are now under threat of losing their promotion spot to their opponents for the night. Wins for Tony Rhodes, Dave Butler, Ian Miles and Barry Macey secured a vital win for the visitors, reducing the gap to four points to the final promotion slot. Only Tom Small could offer any resistance.

By contrast, Bloxwich Memorial B are on their best run of the season, moving into second place by beating Aldridge Cons C 4-1. They now have long-time leaders Bentley Moor A in their sights.

The Aldridge Inter Town team progressed to the quarter finals of the Inter Town competition with a superb deciding frame 4-3 victory away at Wednesbury. It has sparked hopes of a first Inter Town Trophy since 1971.

Results: Premier League: Aldridge Cons A 0 Bloxwich Memorial A 5; Fishley Park 3 Golden Cue A 2; Lea Hall Club 4 0 Bar A 1; Ogley Hay 1 Stafford Road A 4; Old Hall 0 Pelsall Social A 5; St Johns SC 1 Wednesfield Cons A 4; Victoria A 2 Aldridge Cons B 3

Division One: Bloxwich Memorial B 4 Aldridge Cons C 1; Essington WMC 2 Norton Vic 3; Landywood SC B 4 Birchills 1; Q Bar B 2 Lichfield Road BC 3; Stafford Road B 1 Darlaston Cons 4; Wednesfield Cons B 3 Victoria B 2; Athenaeum Club 3 Amery 2; Bentley Moor B 1 Bentley Moor A 4

Gunn fires a double salvo for Cannock

Cannock United 3 Acorn Albion 1
DIFFICULT and windy conditions made it tough for both teams, but Cannock, seeing most of the chances were being frustrated by not hitting the target.

United finally broke the deadlock in the 28th minute through Ash Gunn. This was quickly followed by a neat header from Ryan Smith on his debut, coming from a well delivered corner.

Cannock over-committed in retreat from a punt forward by Acorn, which left Tom Dyer to attempt a last ditch tackle as Conner rushed out to sweep up.

A penalty was awarded and Nathan Abbey pulled one back.

For all the possession and hard work, Cannock could not capitalise until Gunn wrapped it up after 81 minutes.

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Scholars goal tally now 51 for Sullivan

Sheffield FC 0 Chasetown 4
CHASETOWN love their trips to Sheffield, and after a 6-2 win there 10 months ago, they netted four more last weekend. The result moved the Scholars back into the Evo-Stik Division One South play-off positions.

Played on a heavy pitch and through a hail and snowstorm both sides created chances in an end-to-end game.

Sheffield pressed and Benny Igiehon brought top saves from John Bateman while the Scholars went close through Nick Turton and Paul Sullivan in an entertaining opening.

Sheffield started brightly, and from an early Ben Turner free-kick, Chasetown looked extremely uncertain in clearing with skipper Lee Cooksey's bicycle kick going across the face of the goal. The skies darkened as the snow fell and the game sprung to life when Chasetown took the lead seconds after the gloom was illuminated with the floodlights being switched on.

Curled

Six minutes before half-time Chasetown broke the deadlock when an accurate ball from Stan Mugisha found Paul Sullivan who curled a beautiful finish along the ground – his 50th goal for the Scholars.

Dave Stringer's men grabbed the game by the scruff of the neck in a blistering 10-minute spell at the start of the second period.

In the 49th minute, George Washbourne scored a fine individual goal and six minutes later it was 3-0 as James Dance tried his luck with a shot that deflected into Turton's path and the Chasetown number nine fired home from close range.

Within a minute the visitors rocked the home side with Sullivan beating the offside trap to go round the keeper to increase Chasetown's lead to an unassailable 4-0.

Scholars keeper Bateman stole the show – two brilliant saves at 0-0 were matched by two phenomenal saves in the last 15 minutes.

Sub makes impact by setting up the Pickering winner

Piklington XXX 0 Heath Hayes 1
HAYES made it two wins on the trot on Tuesday night thanks to a second half goal from Joe Pickering.

In a even first half in which neither side created a lot it was Hayes that had the best chances when Damien Dunkley hit the side netting when well placed.

Dan Scragg also missed a good opportunity for the visitors.

Hayes lost full back John Littler with a bad knee injury to be replaced Steven Yates whose first contribution was a superb ball to Joe Pickering. He fired home from an acute angle to put Hayes one up.

The home side pressed hard but the Hayes defence stood firm to take the points.

Hayes entertain Wolverhampton Sporting at Newlands Lane on Saturday, kick off 3pm.

Visiting Ravens fly off with points



Paul Sullivan takes on the Coalville defenders

Chasetown 1 Coalville 3

COALVILLE Town shocked Chasetown with a goal inside the first few minutes and went on to complete a comprehensive 3-1 victory at the Scholars' Ground.

The home defence were caught napping as unmarked Jamie McAteer headed across goal and Dean Freeman headed in from close range.

A tight affair at times between two sides pushing for the play-offs was evenly matched and Chasetown levelled just before half time as Simon Brown's free-kick curled onto the head of Henry Eze and he buried his first ever Scholars goal past

Chasetown FC

Sean Bowles. Chasetown were denied a penalty as Nick Turton went beyond Bowles and appeared to be caught by Lee Torr as the striker rounded the last defender.

The Ravens regained the lead in the 65th minute when Alex Troke received the ball on the edge of the box and curled a beautiful finish beyond John Bateman.

Troke wrapped up the points with a long range free-kick that beat everyone and nestled in the bottom corner with five minutes remaining.

PERRY OFF AS PITMEN LOSE

Hednesford Town 0 Curzon Ashton 3

HEDNESFORD Town slumped to defeat in front of their own supporters after three second-half goals from Curzon Ashton plus the dismissal of Town striker Kyle Perry made it a forgettable afternoon for the Pitmen.

After a morale-boosting victory in midweek over AFC Telford United, Frank Sinclair's side came into the game looking to record back-to-back league victories for only the second time this season as they also aimed to pull themselves further clear of relegation trouble.

The home side started very much on the front foot and should have been ahead inside two minutes when striker Ahmed Obeng raced clear but failed to finish on two occasions with his first effort being saved by Hakan Burton before putting the follow-up wide.

Problems

Hednesford shot-stopper Dan Crane then had to make a smart save low down from Alex Brown in the eighth minute before Town winger Adam Thomas couldn't get on the end of a whipped ball in from Shelton Payne.

Crane was then called into action again, this time to deny Mike Norton from close range as the visitors started to cause more problems as the half progressed.

In truth there was little to talk about from the first period, although the Pitmen should really have gone in ahead only for Jack Fitzwater to head Sean Williams' free-kick wide of the upright on the stroke of half-time.

After building up some pressure at the start of the second half it would be the visitors who would strike first when Hednesford failed to clear their lines from a corner and Niall Cummins prodded home from six yards after finding room inside the box.

Four minutes later things went from bad to



Adam Thomas takes a shot for the Pitmen but the effort goes wide at Keys Park

worse for the home side as they were reduced to 10 men. After winning a free-kick in the middle of the park, Perry tussled to get the ball back from the opposing player, but the match referee determined this to be violent conduct and dismissed the striker.

This put the Pitmen even further up against it and although there was a scramble inside the Curzon box on two occasions Burton wasn't called into making a serious save.

The visitors killed off any hope of a comeback in the 80th minute when Cummins grabbed his second with an overhead kick from close range after a corner ball picked him out.

Defeat leaves Rugeley side frustrated

RUGBY fans can watch England's opening game of the Six Nations in Rugeley this weekend.

England face Scotland at Murrayfield at 5pm on Saturday and Rugeley Rugby Club is inviting fans to watch it from the club's Station Road clubhouse.

On the field Rugeley left Telford frustrated with a 11-0 defeat last Saturday after being unable to impose their game on the in-form Shropshire team.

Rugeley welcomed Mitchell Everall, David Black and Martyn Bentley back to the side after the opening exchanges were evenly balanced with Rugeley's scrum just about on top but the Telford line out dominating.

Matt Boden's kicking from stand off went well but the Telford back three was up to the challenge.

As ever the Rugeley defence was strong with the back row of Kurt Cameron, Ken Archer and Bobby Hastings tackling hard.

Telford were eventually able to get over the line and took a 5-0 lead into half-time.

The second half was much the same the game, reasonably balanced but with the home side on top.

Rugeley emptied their bench but it was not enough to turn the tide and two late penalties left Rugeley to return empty-handed.

Rugeley's second team also suffered defeat on the road at Gnosall and the under 16s lost at Stafford 30-7.

Rugeley will be hoping for better results this Saturday with a Midlands Cup match at Kings Norton. Victory would see Rugeley into the last eight.

The seconds travel to HMP Featherstone and the u16s take on Wednesday at home.

Training is every Wednesday at 7pm at Rugeley Leisure Centre.

Boost for Pitmen as Glover signs again

STRIKER Danny Glover has re-joined Hednesford Town in a double boost for the Pitmen.

Glover, 26, scored 11 times in a 10-month spell at Keys Park in 2014. He joined Stockport then AFC Telford United, but his deal there has now ended.

The club has also given a contract to star midfielder Sean Williams.

The 24-year-old has been the stand-out player this season and had been the matter of interest from Welsh side Airbus UK Broughton. The contract means should a club come in for him, the Pitmen would be due a transfer fee.

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